DEVOTIONAL OFFICES

FOR

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS SERVICES,

IN USE AMONG

PROTESTANT DISSENTERS.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

TWO SERVICES,

CHIEFLY SELECTED FROM

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PREFACE.

THE right of Christians to judge for themselves in religious matters, and to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, must be allowed by all enlightened Protestants. Some Societies among Protestant Dissenters, in the exercise of this invaluable right of private judgment, have deviated from their usual mode of worship, and introduced some printed Devotional Services, in which they themselves may take a vocal part with the Minister.

This has given rife to the publication of many judicious Liturgies for the use of such congregations.

THE compilation contained in this Volume was occasioned by the wish of a respectable Society, to make a trial of this mode of public worship.

THEIR principal reasons for it are briefly these.

By the congregation taking a part in the devotional services, the attention of the worshippers is more easily kept up, and proper devotional affections are more likely to be excited, by a whole congregation uniting their voices, in some parts of the various solemn addresses to the Divine Being.

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In this mode, their devotion is not made to depend on the Minister's frame of mind, which, like that of others, must be different at different times.

By the admission of pre-composed printed forms, the people have an opportunity of perusing them in private, and by this means of being better prepared for using them in public.

To this it may be added, that though Liturgies are not expressly enjoined in Scripture, yet this mode of worship was countenanced by the practice of Christ and his apostles, who statedly joined in the services of the synagogue. The form of prayer also which our blessed Lord prescribed to his disciples, was chiefly extracted from the public liturgies then in use among the Jews.

Where such a provision is made, public worship may, with more ease and propriety, be conducted by a congregation, in case of a Minister's illness, or necessary absence.

THOUGH for these, and other reasons, they have thought proper to introduce some printed devotional forms, it is not intended that Free Prayer should be entirely excluded: The latter is still to be continued as part of the Service, whereby they hope to enjoy the advantages of both.

Some have objected to the introduction of printed offices of devotion among Protestant Dissenters,

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that it is a deviation from the principles of their predecessors. To this it may be answered, have not Christians of the present day as much a right to judge and act for themselves as their ancestors? The objection, however, is founded in mistake. The original non-conformists in these kingdoms not only allowed the lawfulness of praying by form, but even the expediency of it, in some cases.

THE main body of the Dissenters in England, at the restoration of Charles II. would have complied with the use of the Liturgy of the established Church (as to the main and general purport of it) if some points, which appeared to them unscriptural, might have been dispensed with.

It has also been objected, that Liturgies confine the congregations in which they are used, to a certain set of religious sentiments, and consequently have a tendency to impede the progress of free enquiry.

But this inconvenience may be prevented, by forming the Devotional Services on the general principles of Christianity; and especially, if there be an occasional review of them, as seems very proper, and a new edition printed, whenever any considerable number of a Society express a wish for it.

In order to avoid the too frequent return of the fame forms, this Volume contains TEN DIFFE-

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RENT SERVICES, eight of which have been principally compiled from Devotional Offices already in use among some Societies of Protestant Dissenters; to which are added two Services, chiefly felected from the Book of Common Prayer.

As to the postures suitable to public worship, the compilers, in the directions they have given, wish to be understood as intending thereby merely to express their fentiments of propriety, and every worshipper is to judge for himself, and conform to them or not, as may best accord with his own views of propriety and decency.

In the compiling these Devotional Offices, care has been taken to adhere to the plain directions contained in the following passages of Scripture, and many others of like import:

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only fhalt thou ferve." Matt. iv. 10.

"In that day ye shall ask me nothing (says Christ.) Verily, verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." John xvi. 23.

"To us there is but one God the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." 1 Cor. viii. 6.

"Through him (Christ) we have an access, by one Spirit, unto the Father." Ephef. ii. 18. Contains Trace and

THE compilers, apprehending that points of doubtful disputation ought not to be introduced into public services of devotion, have aimed at avoiding any expressions which might be offensive to Christians of different sentiments. Whatever may be their peculiar views of some disputable doctrines, may not all unite in worshiping the Father through his Son Jesus Christ?

They consider the good and pious of every denomination, as brethren of the same family, and heirs with themselves to the same glorious inheritance. They earnestly wish and pray, that a candid and liberal spirit, a zeal sounded in knowledge, and regulated by love and charity, may increase among Christians. May it be the desire of all religious professors, whatever are their modes of public worship, to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and righteousness of life!

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Minister.

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Know ye, that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we our-felves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, and give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.

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For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations.

People.

Unto the Lord will we lift up our souls, and magnify his name together.

The Introductory Prayer, the People kneeling.

O HOLY, holy Lord God Almighty, before whom all creatures bow, and unto whom all hearts are open, we acknowledge ourselves unworthy to appear in thy prefence, and to join in the folemnities of thy worthip: We defire, therefore, to proftrate ourselves before thee with the most profound humility; may we celebrate thy perfections, and speak of thy wonderful works with attention and reverence; give thanks unto thee, and fing thy praises with joy and gladness; confess our sins before thee with fincere and contrite hearts; and pray unto thee, under a just sense of our dependance upon thy providence, and with

with fervent charity to all men; and may these our religious services, which we offer as the disciples of Jesus Christ, be accepted of thee, O God, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

Then let the Minister and People, standing, alternately recite the following Act of Adoration.

Minister.

WE praise thee, O Lord; we worship thee as the most glorious and excellent of beings, the Creator and Governor of all things.

People.

O Lord God, thou art greatly to be praised, and to be bad in reverence of all who draw nigh unto thee.

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We acknowledge thee, the one living and true God; God in heaven above, and earth beneath, and throughout all worlds; there is none besides thee.

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People.

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Unto us there is but one God, to whom be glory for ever.

Minister.

Thou alone art from everlasting, without beginning of days and end of years; thou livest and reignest for ever and ever.

People.

We magnify thee, the high and lofty One who inhabitest eternity.

Minister.

Thou art a spiritual and incorruptible Being, who dwellest in light inaccessible, and full of glory; whom no mortal eye hath seen or can see.

People.

We would worship thee, who art a spirit, in spirit and in truth.

Minister. And some less

Infinite art thou, O God! thou dwellest not in temples made with hands: the universe

universe is thy temple; thou art present at all times, in every part of thy dominion.

People.

In thee we live, and move, and have our being.

Minister.

Thou art perfect in wifdom, wonderful in council, and excellent in all thy works.

People.

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Minister.

Holy art thou, O God! thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; thy countenance regardeth the upright.

People.

We reverence thy name, for thou art boly.

Minister.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains: justice and judgment are the everlasting foundations of thy throne.

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People.

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Just and true are all thy ways, O thou King of Saints.

Minister.

Thou art good; thou doest good continually; the earth is full of thy goodness. Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from thee, the Father of all.

People.

O Lord! thy goodness is above all praise; universal as thy works, and endless as eternity.

Minister.

All glory and honour, bleffing and praise, might, majesty, and dominion, be unto God for ever. Amen.

Then let the first Lesson be read, taken out of the Old Testament; the Minister is afterwards to proceed as follows: the People Standing.

Minister.

LET us now offer up unto God our fincere and humble thanksgivings, for his great goodness to us and to all mankind.

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O give thanks unto the Lord, ye his people! give thanks at the remembrance of his goodness.

Let us meditate upon his mercies with delight; and let the words of our mouths and the actions of our lives shew forth his praise.

People.

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WE thank thee, O Father! Lord of heaven and earth, for the innumerable favours thou hast bestowed upon us. We acknowledge, with all gratitude and joy, the gift of life: thy almighty voice hath called us into being, and thy hand hath placed us in this part of thy glorious works. We thank thee for the wise and useful frame of our bodies, and for the nobler powers of our minds; by which we are enabled to contemplate the beauty of thy works.

works, and the wonderful order of thy providence; and to attain to the knowledge and love of thee, the Creator of the world, and the Author of all good.

People.

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We praise thee, O Lord! for thy goodness, and for thy wonderful works to the children of men.

Minister.

We thank thee, O ever bountiful and gracious God! for the continual prefervation of our lives; in thy hand is the life of every creature, and the breath of all mankind; our food and raiment are the daily gifts of thy bounty; the bleffings of fociety and friendship are thy wife and benevolent appointment; and to thy fatherly goodness we are indebted for all our perfonal and relative enjoyments.

People.

Bless the Lord, O our souls! and all that is within us bless his holy name.

Minister.

Minister.

We bless thee, O heavenly Father, that thy goodness is not confined to this present world, but that thou hast awakened in us the pleasing hope of immortality; and that, by the various means of thy providence and grace, thou art training us up for a heavenly and everlasting life.

We thank thee for the instructions and examples of wise and good men in every age, and for every opportunity of attaining that measure of knowledge and virtue which is necessary to our happiness.

But above all, we praise and magnify thee for the rich display of thy goodness manisested in the gospel of thy most beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; whom thou didst raise up to bless mankind, by turning them from darkness to light, and from the power of sin to the worship and obedience of thee, the true God. We rejoice that by him thou hast given us thy heavenly truth, to enlighten our minds, to sanctify our hearts, and guide our feet into

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the way of peace; and that in his life thou hast fet before us an example of the most exalted goodness.

We thank thee for the promises of thy mercy and forgiveness, upon repentance and newness of life; for the assurance of thy gracious influence to help our infirmities, and for the blessed hope of immortality confirmed to us in the gospel.

People.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for his goodness, and for his abundant loving kindness to the children of men.

- ¶ Here the Thanksgivings on any particular occasions may be introduced.
- Then let the Minister read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament; after which a Psalm or Hymn may be sung, and then the Service to proceed as follows:

Minister.

THUS faith the high and lofty One, who inhabiteth eternity, I dwell with him who

who is of a humble and contrite spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. Before him, therefore, let us confess our sins.

The General Confession; the People kneeling.

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ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jefus Chrift, Maker of all things, and supreme Judge of all men, we acknowledge and lament before thee the manifold errors and follies of our lives; we have not duly hearkened to the voice of thy word; we have been too unmindful of thy goodness, and ungrateful to thee our continual benefactor; we have not always done unto others as we would they should do unto us; we have departed from the ways of thy commandments, and exposed ourselves to thy just displeasure; our only hope is in thy mercy, which endureth for ever; we bow before the throne of thy grace, imploring thy pardon. O God! have mercy upon us, we befeech thee; and do thou, who defirest not the death of finners.

finners, but hadft rather they would turn from their wickedness and live, forgive and accept us. Encouraged by thy holy word to hope for mercy upon repentance and amendment of life, we desire with our whole hearts to return to the obedience of thy commandments. Thus may we obtain from thee, the God of all mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, and an inheritance among them who are sanctified, according to thy promises, by Jesus Christ our Lord.

People.

O Lord! let thy mercy be shewn unto us, as we put our trust in thee.

Then let the Minister read the following Prayers, the People still kneeling.

For Religious Wisdom.

O FATHER of lights, and fountain of knowledge, open the eyes of our minds, and enlighten us with true wisdom. May we cherish pure, and worthy ideas of thy nature and providence. Lead us to a right understanding of that religion which

which is acceptable to thee, and recommended to us in the revelation of thy will, made known to the world by thy beloved Son. May we evermore discern, approve, and practise the things that are excellent: and, by a life devoted to thy service, be prepared for the glorious and everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Piety to God.

O THOU, who art the Author of every good and perfect gift, we defire at all times to retain a most devout sense and holy admiration of thine excellent nature; to reverence thine authority; to look up unto thee with satisfaction and joy, as our constant benefactor; to love thee with all our hearts; to delight in thy service; to be thankful for thy innumerable and undeferved mercies; to conside in thine all gracious providence; and to yield an unreferved and grateful obedience to all thy holy commandments. Amen.

For Charity to Mankind.

OGOD of love and mercy, as thine offfpring, in common with all thy rational
creatures, as members of the fociety of
mankind, and as the disciples of Jesus
Christ, may we put on affections of mercy,
kindness, compassion, humbleness of mind,
meekness, long-suffering, forbearing one
another, forgiving one another! May we
do unto all men as we desire they should
do unto us. And in the constant exercise
of justice and humanity, of honesty and
mercy, enable us to sulfil the gracious purposes of thy providence; and to live in
peace and charity with all men. Amen.

For Self-Government.

O THOU, who searchest the hearts of all men, under a deep sense of our obligations to thee as thy children, and of the sacred duties of our profession, as the sollowers of Jesus, who hath called us to glory

glory and virtue, and to the joyful hope of immortality, we earnestly desire to maintain a constant government over ourselves, that we may be sober, chaste and temperate in all things. Convinced of the infinite importance of thine approbation, we beseech thee to enable us to keep our hearts and minds in due subjection to thy holy will, as manifested in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Submission to Divine Providence.

O LORD God, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and on earth, we humbly submit ourselves to the disposal of that wisdom which cannot err; and to the care of that goodness which is unchangeable and everlasting. Lead us whither thou pleasest; place us in such a circumstances as thou shalt judge proper. Enable us to do thy will with sidelity and pleasure; dispose us to bear thy will with submission and patience. Defend us, O heavenly

O heavenly Father, from every real evil; confer upon us every needful good. May all events conspire to the improvement and establishment of our virtue, and may we be conducted, by thine unerring hand, through all the changes of this mortal life; and finally be admitted to the everlasting habitations of the just, which thou hast promised to thy faithful servants by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For all Mankind.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who hast taught us to offer up prayers, supplications, and intercessions for all men, we be seech thee to extend thy favour and mercy to all mankind. May all the families of the earth be brought to the knowledge and pure worship of thee, the only true God; enlarge the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, that kingdom of truth and righteousness which shall never be destroyed; put an end to all idolatry, superstition, and salse religion;

religion; may pure and uncorrupted christianity prevail; may all who profess the faith of Christ be shining examples of goodness; may the spirit of persecution for ever cease; and may truth and righteousness, peace and charity, every where abound, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

For our Native Country.

O LORD God, who dost from thy throne behold all the nations of the earth! we humbly beseech thee in behalf of this our native country. Pardon our national sins, and avert from us the judgments we have deserved. May it please thee to bless us with healthful times and fruitful seasons; crown the year with thy goodness; dispose us all to a grateful and temperate enjoyment of the bounties of thy providence; and may we shew forth thy praise in all our actions, and be hereaster admitted into thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom. Amen.

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For the King and Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, by whom Kings rule and Princes decree justice, we beseech thee to visit with thy blessing thy servant George our King, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; may they diligently cultivate all those virtues which will render them ornaments of their high stations, true disciples of the Prince of Peace, and extensive blessings to their country and mankind. Amen.

For the Parliament; to be read during their Session.

O GOD of infinite wisdom, preside, we intreat thee, in the great council of the nation, at this time in Parliament assembled; direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and his kingdoms; and may all things be so ordered by their endeavours,

endeavours, that peace and liberty, truth and justice, religion and virtue, may be established amongst us, to all generations. Amen.

For all in Authority.

MAY it please thee to bless our judges and magistrates, and all those who are entrusted with the administration of our public affairs. May they employ their authority and power in wisdom and justice, in righteousness and clemency, and hereby promote the virtue, peace, and liberty of our country. Amen.

For the Ministers of Religion.

OGOD, the Father of lights, and fountain of all good, endue the Ministers of Religion of every denomination, and in every part of the world, with the spirit and temper of their Lord and Master Jesus Christ. May they diligently pursue the good work

of instructing the ignorant, and reforming the vicious; and in all the duties of their office may they conduct themselves, not as having dominion over the faith of the people, but as examples to their flocks; and, by the excellency of their doctrines, and the holiness of their lives, may they advance thy glory, and the best interest and happiness of mankind. Amen.

For those who are in Affliction.

MOST gracious God, our heavenly Father, who art the author and giver of all consolation, we humbly recommend to thy providential care all who are in affliction and distress. Be thou, in thy great mercy, a father to the fatherless, and the defender of the widow; provide for the poor; give ease to those who are in pain, deliver those who are oppressed, and comfort those who mourn; support thy faithful servants who are in bonds, or in any manner persecuted for the sake of religion; give them sortitude

in the day of trial, and in thy due time a happy deliverance out of all their afflictions.

Amen.

¶ Here the Prayers on any particular Occasions may be introduced.

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Concluding Prayer.

OLORD, our heavenly Father! mercifully hear the prayers, and accept the praifes we have now offered up to thy divine Majesty; increase in us the spirit of piety and devotion; and grant, that by the integrity of our hearts, and the purity of our lives, we may promote thy honour, extend the influence of thy religion, and advance the glory of thy kingdom; dispose us to attend, with becoming feriousness, to the instructions of thy word; may it fink deep into our hearts; like good feed fown in good ground, grant that it may bring forth the fruits of righteousness, and thus prepare us for the exalted

alted fervices of the heavenly world, all which we most humbly ask in the name of thy son Jesus Christ, in whose words we further address thee:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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EVENING PRAYER.

SECOND SERVICE.

¶ Let the Minister introduce the Service by reading the following Sentences; the Congregation rising up.

Minister.

HEAR all ye people; give ear all ye inhabitants of the world; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let the heaven and the earth praife him; the sea and every thing that moveth therein. Rejoice in the Lord, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Trust in the Lord at all times, ye people, pour out your hearts before him; for he taketh pleasure in those who fear him, and in those who hope in his mercy. Offer unto

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EVENING PRAYER.

God the facrifices of righteoufness, and put your trust in him; for in his presence is fulness of joy, and at his right hand are pleasures forevermore.

People.

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; in him will we put our trust.

The Introductory Prayer; the People kneeling.

EVER bleffed and most glorious Lord our God! Thou art the object of supreme veneration: On thee do all the families of the earth continually depend. We would present ourselves before thee with reverence and humility: We would offer unto thee our facrifices of praise and thanksgiving, with joy and gratitude. By celebrating thy perfections, may we be excited to an ardent love and imitation of thee, our heavenly Father: and may the remembrance of thy great goodness to us, and to all mankind, incline us to love and serve one

SECOND SERVICE.

one another as brethren. May we confess our fins with unfeigned forrow and with fleady purposes of amendment. May we pray unto thee, as the bountiful dispenser of all good: and may our intercessions be accompanied with fervent charity to all Dispose us to keep a watchful guard over ourselves, at all times, and more especially whilft we are employed in the folemn and important duties of thy house. May no vain thoughts distract our minds; no unworthy objects withdraw our affections; but may our whole hearts be engaged in thy worship: and may the influence of our religious fervices be abundantly shewn forth in lives conformable to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then let the Minister and People, standing, alternately recite the following Act of Adoration:

Minister.

WE praise thee, O Lord! we worship thee, the one living and true God, who art infinite in all thy persections.

People.

EVENING PRAYER.

People.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, and worthy to be praised.

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Thou art the Lord and changest not: of old hast thou laid the soundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands: these shall decay, but thou shalt endure: thy council standeth fast, and thy thoughts unto all generations

People.

Thou art the same, and of thy years there is no end.

Minister.

We adore and worship thee as a pure and spiritual being, whom no man hath seen or can see.

People.

Thou art a spirit; and we would worship thee in spirit and in truth.

Minister.

Minister.

Whither shall we flee from thy presence? Heaven is thy throne, the earth is thy foot-stool, and the universe is thy habitation.

People.

All things, O Lord, are full of thee.

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Who can withstand thy power? the mountains shake from their foundations; the rocks melt like wax; and the earth trembleth at thy presence: Thou doest whatever thou pleasest in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the world.

People.

With the Lord our God is everlasting strength.

Minister.

Thou art infinite in wisdom, wonderful in council, and excellent in all thy works.

People.

People.

O Lord, bow manifold are thy works, in wisdom hast thou made them all.

Minister:

Thou art the righteous Lord, who exercisest judgment in the earth: thy righteousness and thy faithfulness reach above the clouds: eternal truth is thy law.

People.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne.

Minister.

O Lord God, holy and reverend is thy name: Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity: Sinners cannot stand before thee; but thou dost favourably regard the upright.

People.

We reverence thee, O God, for thou art holy.

Minister.

Minister.

Above all we worship thee as the Lord God, gracious and merciful; the God of love, and of all consolation: Thou delightest to make thy creatures happy: Thou doest good continually, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works.

People.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness; and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

¶ Here the First Lesson to be read, taken from the Old Testament; after which the Service to proceed with the following Thanksgiving, the People standing.

The General Thanksgiving.

Minister.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of mercies, we offer unto thee our unfeigned thanksgivings for the discoveries thou hast made

made of thyself in the works of thy hands; and for thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We thank thee for our creation, and for all the valuable powers, both of body and mind, with which we are endowed. We thank thee for our preservation, for the food we eat, for the raiment with which we are clothed, and for the habitations wherein we dwell: We thank thee for every personal and relative enjoyment, and for all the agreeable circumstances of our lives, whether public or private.

People.

These are the gifts of thy bounty, O Lord our God; thy name be praised forever.

Minister.

Above all we bless thee, O gracious Father, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ. We bless thee for the means which thou hast afforded us, by him, of advancing

vancing in piety and virtue, and of obtaining thy favour. We thank thee for those pure and heavenly doctrines which he taught, to lead us in the way of truth and falvation; for those holy and excellent rules of virtue and true religion, which he gave to his disciples, and through them to the world; for his gracious promifes of divine affistance in the performance of our duty; and for the perfect example which he hath left us, that we might follow his steps. We thank thee that in obedience to thy will he fubmitted unto death; that being made perfect by fuffering, he might be exalted as the head over all things to the church, and appointed to judge the world in righteousness: And we bless thee that by raising him from the dead, thou hast confirmed to us the glorious and animating hope of a refurrection to eternal life.

People.

Glory be to God in the highest, who hath mercifully visited his people, and wrought for them such great salvation.

Minister.

O Lord our God! who can number all thy mercies? Write a law of thankfulness on our hearts, we beseech thee, and grant that henceforth we may be filled with the knowledge of thy will and be fruitful in every good work. Amen.

- ¶ Here the Thanksgivings on any particular occasions may be introduced.
- ¶ Then let the Minister read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament; after which a Psalm or Hymn may be sung, and then the Service to proceed as follows:

Minister.

BLESSED is the man whose iniquity is not imputed to him; and in whose heart there

there is no guile: To us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against God.

Let us therefore confess and lament our manifold transgressions with humble and contrite hearts.

The General Confession; the People kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we confess that in many things we have all offended. We have not behaved as thy children, nor have we acted agreeably to our profession as the disciples of Jesus Christ. We have not duly improved the talents with which thou hast entrusted us. With humble and penitent hearts would we lament every instance of disobedience before thee, our heavenly Father: We lament whatever we have done amiss, in thought, word, or deed: We lament every offence against thee, O Lord, our neighbour, and ourselves. Be merciful unto us, O God, be merciful unto us. May thy goodness

goodness lead us to repentance; destroy in us every evil inclination and habit, and form our minds to a virtuous and heavenly temper. May we bring forth fruits meet for repentance, and walk in newness of life. Thus may we live in the humble and animating expectation of thy mercy unto eternal life, declared to mankind by Jesus Christ our Lord.

People.

O Lord, pardon our transgressions, and renew a right spirit within us.

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Then let the Minister read the following Prayers, the People still kneeling.

Minister.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, whose we are, and whom it is our duty and wisdom to serve; impress on our minds, we intreat thee, such a conviction of the righteousness of thy precepts, of our unspeakable obligations to obey them, and

of thy great goodness to those who love thee, that we may be ever fervent in fulfilling thy pleasure, and walk in the way of thy commandments with great delight.

People.

Incline our hearts, O Lord! to love thy statutes, and may we rejoice to keep them, even unto the end.

Minister.

May the love of Christ constrain us to live, not unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again from the dead: Enable us fo to discern the brightness of his example, the benefits of his gospel, and the inestimable value of that glory which he hath revealed, that we may most thankfully receive the great falvation, which he hath set before us: Let the same mind which was in him dwell also in us, that we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, in all lowliness and longsuffering, forgiving one another, and loving one another, as he loved us and gave D₂ himfelf

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himself for us. May the hope of that eternal life, which is promised in the gospel to faithful Christians, preserve us from all the corruptions which are in the world, and excite us to purify ourselves, even as Christ is pure; that we may be sincere and without offence unto the day of his coming.

While we continue in this world, let thine eyes, most compassionate Father! be ever upon us for good; and fo conduct us through the various changes of life, as thou feest will be most profitable to us: Guard us from every real evil, and vouchfafe to us every needful bleffing. Rejoicing that our times are in thy hands, we would, amidst all the darkness which hides future events from our fight, most chearfully commit ourselves to thy perfectly righteous and Preserve us from the merciful disposal. fnares of prosperity and adversity: Permit no temptation to befal us but what we shall be able to bear; and whatever fufferings may be allotted us, impart to us fuitable supports under them, and give us grace rightly

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rightly to improve them. Let faith and patience have their perfect work; and may our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, finally work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

People.

Guide us, O Lord! in all our ways; fit us for all thy will; and let thy mercy be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Minister.

O thou supreme Disposer of our lot! so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. In all the events of this uncertain state, may we look to that great change to which we are continually hastening, and to that awful day of account which will follow. Fix, gracious God! we intreat thee, deep in every heart, a constant and lively belief of an approaching judgment; grant, that neither the cares, nor pleasures, nor any of the objects of this present world, may betray us into a forget-

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forgetfulness of the things which belong to our peace, and cause that day to come upon us unawares; but may we be sober and watch unto prayer; and, whenever we are called hence, may our end be full of peace and hope; above all, may we obtain mercy of the Lord in that day; and when all thy children shall be gathered into one glorious assembly, to inherit the kingdom prepared for them, may we be found in that happy number, and enter with them into the joy of our Lord. Amen.

The General Intercession.

O GOD, the maker of heaven and earth, the common Father of mankind, we humbly befech thee to hear us, not only for ourselves, but for others. May all mankind be united in the pure and holy worship of thee, the true and living God, as the disciples of Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

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Send down thy heavenly bleffing upon every part of the Christian world. Put an end to all persecutions and usurpations over the judgments and consciences of mankind. Lead all professing Christians to the right understanding and practice of our holy religion. Unite their minds in charity and brotherly love; and may their light so shine before men, that others seeing their good works, may glorify thee, our Father, who art in heaven.

In thine own due time, put an end to all the disorders and calamities introduced into this world, by the pride, ambiton, and tyranny of wicked men; and give to all nations freedom, peace, and happiness.

Establish and preserve the liberty and prosperity of our country. Defend us from the evil designs of our enemies, and from all great and wasting calamities.

Bestow thy blessing on thy servant George our King. Establish his heart in thy faith, fear, and love: may he ever-D4 more

more confide in thee, and feek thy honour and glory. Be thou his defender and keeper; and give fuccess to all his righteous undertakings.

May it please thee to bless and preserve the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family; granting them happiness in the present life, and everlasting blessedness in that which is to come.

Council thou the king's counsellors, and teach our senators wisdom. Bless the judges, and all the magistrates of these lands; may they execute justice, maintain peace, be a terror to evil doers, and a protection to those who do well.

Bless the ministers of the Christian religion with knowledge to discern, and sidelity and zeal to ensorce the great truths of the gospel. And by the united influence of their doctrine and example, may they turn many to righteousness.

Bless all schools and seminaries of learning. May they promote the interests of useful knowledge and true piety.

Affift

Affist those who are in necessity or trouble; and have compassion on all who are afflicted. Strengthen the weak; support the aged; provide for the fatherless and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed. Shew thy mercy on all prifoners and captives, especially to such as suffer for righteousness sake.

Bless our friends, reward our benefactors, forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and turn their hearts. And may it please thee to have mercy on all men. Amen.

¶ Here the Prayers on any particular occasion may be introduced.

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Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God! who takest pleasure in those that love and serve thee; we humbly beseech thee favourably to regard the united thanksgivings

ings and supplications, which we have now offered unto thee.

Graciously assist us in attending to the further instructions of thy word; and grant that every act of focial worship may promote in our hearts piety to thee, love to each other, and benevolence to all mankind; and by a ferious and regular attendance on the ordinances of thy house, may we add fincerity to our professions, ardor to our devotion, and strength to our virtue: Thus may we be enabled to cultivate those dispositions and habits, which will render us useful and happy here below; and prepare us for the more exalted pleasures which flow at thy right hand forevermore, which thou hast promised to the faithful followers of Jesus Christ, in whose words we conclude our prayers:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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¶ Let the Minister introduce the Service by reading the following Sentences; the People rising up.

WHEREWITH shall we come before the Lord, and bow before the most high God?

He hath shewed us, brethren, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of us, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God?

Whatfoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks unto God, even the Father, by him.

The Introductory Prayer; the People kneeling.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlafting God, who haft fafely brought us to the return of this day, and hast graciously permitted us, by prayer and supplication, with thankfgiving, to make known our requests unto thee, fulfil, we beseech thee, to thine unworthy fervants thy gracious promife, that thou wilt draw nigh unto all them who draw nigh unto thee. Grant that our minds may be impressed with a lively fense of thine infinite greatness and excellence. May we confess our fins before thee with that humility and contrition which will influence our future conduct, and induce us to avoid whatever is difp'eafing in thy fight. While we attempt to recount thy various mercies, may our hearts unite with our lips in flewing forth thy praise. May thy people attend with ferioufness, candour, and meekness, to the reading and preaching of thy holy word, concerned above all things to improve in the

the knowledge and practice of religion. Dispose all who profess to worship thee, to be sincere and upright, serving thee with a pure heart, and faithfully performing thy will, that they may be united together to the glorious society of thy worshippers in heaven. This we humbly beg in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People.

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O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee do we lift up our souls.

¶ Let the Minister and People, standing, alternately recite the following Psalm of praise.

Minister.

O LORD our God, thou art very great: Thou art clothed with honour and majesty: Thou coverest thyself with light as with a garment: Thou stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Thou layest the beams of thy chambers in the waters: Thou makest the clouds thy chariot, and walkest upon the wings of the wind.

People.

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Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever: Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains; at thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. The Morte and Posts, Robert

People.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over, that they turn not again to cover the earth. The bear winds the day he don't he would

Minister.

Thou causest grass to grow for cattle, and herbs for the use of man; thou appointest the moon for seasons; the fun knoweth his going down.

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O Lord, how manifold are thy works, in wisdom hast thou made them all!

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The earth is full of thy riches; so is the great and wide sea, wherein are things moving innumerable, both small and great: These all wait upon thee, that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

People.

That thou givest them they gather; thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Minister.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust; thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created, and thou renewest the face of the earth.

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The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever; the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

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O all ye hofts of heaven, bless ye the Lord, praise and magnify him for ever. O all ye sons of men, bless ye the Lord, praise and magnify him for ever.

People.

O all ye works of God, in all places of his dominions, blefs ye the Lord, praise and magnify him for ever.

Minister.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wife God, be honour and glory for ever. *Amen*.

Then let the First Lesson be read; after which the Service to proceed as follows; the People standing.

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LET us now, brethren, with grateful heart, praise the Most High for all his mercies.

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The General Thanksgiving.

Minister.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, we, thine unworthy fervants, praise thee for every instance of thy goodness and loving kindness, to us and to all men. We thank thee for bringing us into existence; for enduing us with the powers of reason, and forming us for future happiness. We adore thee for that watchful providence by which our lives have been preferved, that by thee we have been defended amidst all those evils and dangers which we could neither forefee nor prevent, and that we are permitted at this time to join together in focial worship. We acknowledge ourselves indebted to thy goodness for all the advantages we have enjoyed in youth or in riper years; for the provisions thou hast made for the supply of our various wants; for the advantages of fociety and friendship, and for every circumstance which has contributed to the comfort of our lives.

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Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits; even the God of our salvation.

Minister.

Above all, we blefs thy name for thy grace and mercy, in the redemption of mankind, by our Lord Jesus Christ. thank thee for the perfect pattern of piety and virtue which he hath fet before us; for the excellent precepts which he delivered; for the full and animating affurance which he hath given us of life and immortality; and for the promifed aid of thy holy Spirit to all those who fincerely endeavour to do thy will. We praise thee that he confirmed the truth of his religion by his death and refurrection; that he is now exalted at thy right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour, and that he will come again the fecond time to judge the world in righteoufness, and to be glorified in all them who believe. compete of our lives.

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People.

We praise thee, O Lord, for the means of grace, and the hope of glory through Jesus Christ.

I Let the Minister read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament; after which a Psalm or Hymn may be sung, and then the Service to proceed as follows:

Minister.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the God whom we worship is a being of unspotted purity; but we are imperfect and sinful creatures, and have rendered ourselves liable to his just displeasure. It becomes us therefore humbly to confess our sins before almighty God.

The General Confession; the People kneeling.

In the multitude of thy mercies, hear us, heavenly Father! thy degenerate and guilty creatures. With humble and penitent hearts, we confess our manifold transgrefions of thy holy commandments. We have made thee ungrateful returns for all

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thy favours. We have not rightly improved our religious privileges. Be not strict to mark our fins, nor severe to punish them. Our trust is in thy mercy; in thy mercy hast thou encouraged us to hope. Pardon us, thy penitent children, according to the abundant goodness of thy nature, and the gracious declarations of thy word. Grant us, we beseech thee, the aids of thy Spirit, that we may forsake our fins, and serve and please thee in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Then let the Minister read the following Prayers, the People still kneeling.

O MERCIFUL God, the father of lights, and the giver of every good gift, enlighten our minds, we befeech thee, with the knowledge of thy truth: may it fink deep into our hearts, regulate our affections, and influence our conduct. May thy grace and mercy to mankind, by Jesus Christ, excite us to due returns of love and obedience. Forgetting those things which are behind

behind, and reaching forth to those which are before, may we press towards the mark for the prize of the high-calling of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assist us, gracious God, in the discharge of all social and relative duties. May we be honest in our dealings, sincere in our professions, and faithful to our engagements. Inspire us with the pure and benevolent spirit of thy gospel. May we delight in doing good, be ready to relieve the poor, and to shew compassion to all who are in distress. Dispose us to be grateful to our friends and benefactors; freely to forgive our enemies, and always to do unto others as we would they should do unto us. Amen.

PROFESSING ourselves the disciples of Jesus Christ, may we endeavour to imitate his pure and holy example. By thine assistance, O most merciful Father, and the hope of that life and immortality which he hath brought to light, may our virtue be E 4 supported,

fupported, and we be animated to every good work. May we live in a state of daily improvement and preparation for the second apearance of Jesus Christ, to judge the world, that he may then pronounce on us, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord." Amen.

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OGOD, the preserver of all who fear, love, and trust in thee, we recommend ourselves and all our concerns to the disposal of thy gracious providence. Thou knowest what is truly good for us, and it is the source of our confidence and joy that we are under thy fatherly care. In humble submission to thy will, we beseech thee to continue to us the use of our reason and understanding, and to bless us with health of body, and peace of mind. Bestow upon us such a share of the good things of life, as thou knowest to be best for us. Conduct us by thy gracious hand through all the changes of this world, and may we at last

be perfect and happy in that heavenly inheritance which is incorruptible, and fadeth not away.

People.

Shew us thy favour, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation, by Jesus Christ.

For all Mankind.

WITH hearts impressed with the benevolent spirit of the gospel, we would make supplication for all our brethren of mankind. We recommend the whole family on earth to thee, our common parent and benefactor. Look with an eye of mercy, we befeech thee, on all those who fit in darkness; cause thy light to shine upon their minds. May the gospel of Jesus Christ universally prevail, and prove the power and wisdom of God to the falvation of all men. O thou supreme disposer of all events, put a speedy end to the horrors and calamities of war throughout the world. May oppression and flavery, in thy due time, be univerfally

fally abolished, and may liberty, peace, and righteousness be established among all nations. Amen.

For our Country.

BLESS, we befeech thee, our native country. Avert from us the judgments which we have justly deserved. Pardon our fins, and reform our manners. Bestow upon us the fruits of the earth in their seasons, and may we enjoy the blessings of thy providence in peace and safety. Amen.

For the King and Royal Family.

MAY it please thee, O Lord, to bless the King, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. May thy guardian providence desend them from all evil, and prosper them with all good. Teach them to adorn their high stations here, by genuine piety and virtue, that hereaster they may exchange their earthly honours, for crowns of glory which shall never sade away. Amen.

For all who are in Authority.

OGOD, the fountain of all wisdom, we beseech thee to counsel the King's counsellors. (Preside in the high court of Parliament at this time assembled, and over-rule all their consultations for the public good.) Bless all the magistrates of this land; may they discharge the duties of their stations and offices with sidelity and a good conscience; and under them may we lead peaceable and quiet lives, in all godliness and honesty. Amen.

For Christian Ministers.

O THOU supreme head of the church, we humbly beseech the to send down thy blessing on all Christian ministers. May they take heed to themselves and to their doctrines, and thus do honour to their Christian profession, and promote the salvation of men, that when Christ the chief shepherd shall appear, they may receive a crown of everlasting life and glory. Amen.

For all Young Persons.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose gracious providence the successive generations of men are called into being, we commend to thy paternal goodness the young and rising generation. Lead them by thy fatherly hand in the path of duty, and preserve them amidst the temptations of the world. As they grow in years, may they grow in grace, and by a careful improvement of the talents committed to their trust, may they lay a foundation for their present and future happiness. Amen.

For the Afflicted.

MOST gracious God, we befeech thee to look with compassion on all who are in affliction. Be unto them a present help in time of trouble. We intreat thee, O God of mercy, to hear the cries of the oppressed. May it please thee to comfort those who mourn; to provide for the poor;

to support the aged and infirm; to be a father to the fatherless, and the widow's God. Amen.

Concluding Prayer.

HEAR us, heavenly Father, in these our petitions, for ourselves and others; grant that by these religious services we may be filled with reverence for thee; with love to our brethren of mankind; with zeal in the Christian cause, and a sincere concern for our religious improvement and eternal salvation. Assist us, we beseech thee, in the duties which further lie before us. May we hear thy word with feriousness and attention. Enlighten our minds with thy holy Spirit, that we may discern the true way to everlafting life; and finally bring us to thy heavenly kingdom, which thou haft promised to all thy faithful servants by Jesus Christ our Lord, who has encouraged us to address thee, as

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OUR Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the powers and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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FOURTH SERVICE.

¶ Let the Minister introduce the Service by reading the following Sentences; the Congregation rising up.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts; praise waiteth for thee, O God; and to thee shall the vow be performed.

God is greatly to be feared in the affembly of the people, and to be had in reverence by all who approach him.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the earth, give unto the Lord glory and praise: give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name. Bring an offering of grateful hearts, and come into his courts with thanksgivings.

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Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his foot-stool; holy and reverend is his name.

The Introductory Prayer; the People kneeling.

O THOU who art happy in thyself, and needest not the services of any of thy creatures; before thee angels bow, and the whole hoft of heaven fall down in thy prefence, and with the most solemn reverence and awe cry out, Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, who wast, who art, and who art to come. Next to these glorious beings, happy are we in being permitted to come into thine earthly courts, and to hold converse with thee our Maker. Amidst the various branches of thy family, we defire to draw near unto thee, Affist us, O God by thy gracious influence, to worship thee, who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. May we celebrate thy great and glorious perfections, with becoming reverence, and acknowledge, with grateful hearts, our dependance Exalr

pendance on thee for every bleffing. May we confess our fins with fincere forrow, imploring mercy and forgiveness of thee, through the abundance of thy grace in Jesus Christ. May our thoughts be composed, our affections elevated, and our souls deeply impressed with a sense of thine awful presence. May we seel a divine life and energy in these facred duties, and shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives.

People.

May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

¶ Let the Minister and People, standing, alternately recite the following Psalm of adoration.

Minister.

O LORD, thou hast searched us, and known us.

Thou knowest our down-sitting and our up-rising, thou understandest our thoughts afar off.

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Thou compassest our path and our lying down; and art acquainted with all our ways.

For there is not a word in our tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

People.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is bigh, we cannot attain unto it.

Minister.

Whither shall we go from thy Spirit? or whither shall we flee from thy presence?

People.

If we afcend up into beaven, thou art there; if we make our bed in the grave, behold thou art there.

Minister.

If we take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead us, and thy right hand shall hold us.

If we fay, furely the darkness shall cover us, even the night shall be light about us;

yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day.

People.

The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Minister.

How precious are thy thoughts unto us, O God! How great is the fum of them.

If we should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when we awake, we are still with thee.

People.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us and know our thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Minister.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever. Amen.

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¶ Here the First Lesson to be read; then the Service to proceed with the following Thanksgiving.

The General Thanksgiving; the People standing.

MOST bounteous God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants render thee our humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We praise thy glorious name for calling us into being, and forming us for future happiness. We thank thee for the watchful providence which hath attended us all our days. For all our temporal mercies accept, O God, our grateful praises.

People.

Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

Minister.

Above all, we thank thee for spiritual and divine mercies in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Adored be thy name, O Lord, that the Sun of righteousness hath arisen upon us, to give light to them that fit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in the way of peace. praise thee for the valuable and important truths which Jesus Christ taught; for the pious example which he hath fet before us; and for the gracious promises of pardon and divine acceptance which he has made us, on our fincere faith, repentance, and new obedience. Glory be to thee, O Father, that our prospects are extended beyond the grave; that Jesus Christ hath brought life and immortality to light; that he died for our fins, and rose again for our justification; and that by his resurrection from the dead, we are begotten unto a lively hope of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

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Glory be to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will towards men.

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IF we fay we have no fin, we deceive ourfelves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our fins, God is faithful and kind to forgive us our fins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness; let us therefore confess our fins at the throne of the heavenly grace.

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The General Confession; the People kneeling.

ALL gracious God, and most merciful Father, we would humbly confess in thy fight the various fins and follies of our past lives. We have departed from the ways of thy commandments. We have followed too much the devices and defires of our own hearts. We have exposed ourselves to thy righteous displeasure. Our only hope is in thy mercy, which endureth for ever. We bow before the throne of grace, imploring thy pardon. Be not strict to mark; be not fevere to punish our offences. O God, have mercy upon the work of thy hands. Spare us, good Lord. Forgive and accept thy people, according to thy promises made to the truly penitent, by Jesus Christ. Enable us, by the affistance of thy holy Spirit, to forfake every evil way; to correct whatever is wrong in our temper and conduct, and to delight in doing thy will; that we may obtain from thee.

thee, the God of all mercy, the forgiveness of our fins, and an inheritance among them that are fanctified, through the redemption which is in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Then let the Minister read the following Petitions; the People still kneeling.

O THOU righteous and holy fovereign of heavenand earth, give us, we befeech thee, worthy apprehensions of thyself, the one only living and true God. May our souls be possessed with an habitual veneration of thy divine majesty, and with a thankful admiration of thy infinite goodness and mercy. Dispose us to maintain a constant sense of thy presence with us, and to act as becometh those who are accountable for their whole conduct to thee, who hast appointed a day in which thou wilt judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ. Amen.

O THOU, the great fearcher of hearts, who lovest truth, and hatest deceit, as we are

are bleffed with the glorious light of the gospel, may we walk as children of the light, and professors of the name of Christ, and feel the mighty power and influence of his religion upon our hearts and lives. Cleanse us from all hypocrify and guile, and give us that Christian candour and fimplicity of spirit, that godly fincerity which is acceptable in thy fight. In the whole course of our actions, let it be our defire and delight to imitate the example of our bleffed Saviour, who went about continually doing good to the bodies and fouls of men. Let the law of kindness dwell on our lips; and putting away all lying, and clamour, and evil fpeaking, may we speak the truth in love, and manifest ourselves to be the fincere disciples of Jesus Christ, by loving one another. Amen.

WHILST in this world, affift us, gracious God, to perform the duties of the feveral stations in which thy providence hath

hath placed us, that we may glorify thee on earth, and serve our generation according to thy will. May all thy dispensations towards us be fanctified. Make us thankful for every good thing we enjoy, and for all the prosperous events which befal us. If thou see fit to exercise us with affliction and fuffering, may we be enabled meekly to acquiesce in thine appointments. Grant that tribulation may work patience, patience experience, and experience hope, that hope which maketh] not ashamed. Perfuaded that all the circumstances of our lives are under thy direction, may we chearfully furrender all our interests and concerns to thy disposal. May we regard it as the matter of our principal care to improve all events, as the means of making us wifer and better, and of carrying on the great work of our falvation. And whenever it shall please thee, the supreme dispofer of life and death, to put an end to this our present state of trial, may we leave the world with a well grounded hope of thy

thy mercy and favour, and of an admission into thy heavenly and everlasting king-dom.

People.

Guide us, O Lord, by thy counsel, and bring us at last to glory, through Jesus Christ.

The General Intercession.

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Minister.

FATHER of mercies, who hast made of one blood all the nations of the earth, and hast commanded that prayers and supplications be offered up for all mankind, graciously behold the heathens who lie in ignorance and darkness, and grant that the sun of righteousness may arise upon them with healing in its beams. We pray thee, O Lord, for the peace of the whole world, and for the advancement of thy glory among all nations. Convert to the true faith

faith the dispersed children of Israel, and with them bring into the Christian fold the fulness of the Gentiles. Regard with thy favour the whole Christian church. Open the eyes of all to see and admire the glorious simplicity of the gospel, and unite all Christians in the humble and benevolent temper of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MOST gracious God, we offer up our prayers to thee in behalf of the nation to which we belong. Bless us with healthful and fruitful seasons. Reform us from the highest to the lowest, that iniquity may not prove our ruin. By thee kings reign, and princes decree justice, bless, O Lord, thy servant George our King, assist him in the discharge of all the important duties of his station, and may he ever fear, love, and obey thee, the Lord God, and reign in the hearts of his people. Bless the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family.

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Over-rule all our national affairs for the public good. Give us, we pray thee, men of wisdom and integrity for senators and rulers: may they ever consult the glory of God, the benefit of mankind in general, and of these kingdoms in particular.

Amen.

O LORD, we befeech thee to bless all thy churches with faithful ministers, who are lovers of truth, peace, and purity. Teach them to take heed to themselves and their doctrine, that they make full proof of their ministry, that sinners may be converted to thee, and thy name be glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O THOU God of all consolation, extend thy mercy to the afflicted. Supply the wants of the poor and needy. Comfort the sick, and all who are distressed in mind, body, or estate; give them patience

to fuffer thy whole will; fupport them by the confolations of thy good spirit; enable them rightly to improve their afflictions, and in due time grant them a happy deliverance out of all their troubles. Grace, mercy, and peace be upon all our friends and relations. Reward our benefactors, and forgive our enemies.

People.

Grant, O Lord, to all men in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Here let the Prayers on any particular occasion be introduced.

Concluding Prayer.

WE thank thee, heavenly Father, for permitting us, at this time, to wait upon thee in thine earthly courts. Accept, we befeech thee, the prayers and praises of thine unworthy fervants. Pardon the imperfections which attend our best fervices.

vicis. Affift us in the duties which further lie before us. Enlighten our minds by thy holy Spirit, that we may fee the truth as it is in Jesus, receive it in the love of it, be guided thereby in the whole course of our lives, and attain to eternal salvation through thy mercy in Jesus Christ, in whose words we conclude our prayers:

OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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FIFTH SERVICE.

¶ Let the Minister introduce the Service by reading the following Sentences; the Congregation rising up.

GIVE unto the Lord the glory due unto his name, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds amongst the people. Glory ye in his holy name, let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face for evermore.

Trust in him at all times, O ye people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

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The Introductory Prayer; the People kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and ever bleffed Lord our God! thou art greatly to be feared, and worthy to be had in the highest reverence in the affemblies of thy people. Thou art the high and lofty One who inhabitest eternity, and art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity: but though thou art high, thou hast refpect unto the lowly: thou dwellest with him who is of a humble and contrite spirit; and hast declared thou wilt draw nigh unto all them that draw nigh unto thee. Under an awful sense of the glories of thy nature, and the majesty of thy kingdom, we, thine unworthy fervants, defire now, with the deepest humility, to bow down and worthip at thy footstool. Look mercifully upon us from heaven, the habitation of thy holiness; and enable us to pour out our hearts before thee in prayer and praise, with that fincerity and truth which thou requireft in all those who approach thee. Amen.

Then let the Minister and People, standing, alternately recite the following Psalm of Adoration and Praise.

Minister.

WE will extol thee, O God, our king; and we will bless thy name for ever.

People.

Every day will we bless thee, and we will praise thy name for ever.

Minister.

Great art thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praifed; thy greatness is unsearchable.

People.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

Minister.

We will fpeak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

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People.

And men shall speak of the might of thy powerful acts, and we will declare thy great-ness.

Minister.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

People.

Thou, Lord, art gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Minister.

Thou, Lord, art good to all, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works.

People.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy people shall bless thee.

Minister.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and acknowledge thy power.

People.

People.

They shall make known to the sons of men thy mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of thy kingdom.

Minister.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

People.

Thou, Lord, supportest all who fall, and raisest up all those who are bowed down.

Minister.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season; thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

People.

Thou, Lord, art righteous in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works.

Minister.

Minister.

Thou, Lord, art nigh unto all those who call upon thee; to all who call upon thee in truth.

People.

Thou wilt fulfil the desire of those who fear thee; thou wilt hear their cry, and wilt save them.

Minister.

Thou, Lord, preservest all those who love thee; but all the wicked wilt thou destroy.

People.

Our mouths shall speak thy praise, O Lord; and let all sless bless thy boly name for ever.

Minister.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wife God, be honour and glory for ever. Amen.

M Here let the First Lesson be read; the Service afterwards to proceed as follows; the People standing:

The General Thankfgiving.

EVER gracious and most merciful Father, we render unto thee our sincere thanks for the manifold mercies we are continually receiving from thy hands, and we defire to recollect them with sentiments of religious gratitude, and with hearty purposes to act agreeably to them.

O God, thou art the giver of all good; thou delightest in the happiness of thy creatures, and art daily imparting the riches of thy bounty. We thank thee for all the instances of thy goodness to us; thou art the former of our bodies, and the father of our spirits; thou hast exercised a wife and gracious care over us, ever since we came into the world; by thee all our wants are supplied; from thee all our enjoyments proceed; and thou crownest our days with thy goodness. We thank thee for all the treasures of knowledge which thou hast opened to our view; that thou hast

hast formed us for the practice of virtue and true religion; and given us many opportunities for the improvement of our minds, and the attainment of our highest happiness.

People.

How precious are thy thoughts of love towards us, O God, how great is the sum of them.

Minister.

We bless thee, thou wise and merciful disposer of all things, for the various dispensations of thy grace, in the several ages of the world; for all the divine messengers thou hast fent, by whose instructions and examples thy light and truth have been preserved in the darkest times of ignorance and idolatry. Above all we thank thee, merciful Father, for the exceeding riches of thy goodness in Jesus Christ, that by him thou hast assured us of pardon and thy gracious acceptance, upon our sincere repentance; that he has opened before us the

the folemnities of a future judgment; and confirmed to us the joyful hope of glory, honour, and immortality.

People.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is good, and his mercy endureth for ever.

¶ Let the Minister read the Second Lesson taken out of the New Testament; after which let the Service proceed as follows:

IF we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess and forsake our sins, God is faithful and kind to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us therefore, my Christian brethren, with humble and contrite hearts, confess our sins at the throne of the heavenly grace.

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The General Confession; the People kneeling.

O MOST pure and holy God! glory belongeth unto thee, but unto us belong confusion and shame. Should we attempt to justify ourselves, our own hearts would condemn us. We have been deaf to thy voice, and regardless of thine authority. We own with deep concern our many and great offences. O Father, we have finned against thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy children. Remember not our offences. Although our iniquities testify against us, yet out of thine abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, pardon our fins, and avert all those evils which we have most justly deserved. Spare us, good Lord, fpare thy people, and have compassion on the works of thy hands. Thou knowest our frame, and rememberest we are but dust. Mercifully affist all our endeavours to do thy will: confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and finally bring us to everlasting

everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then let the following Prayers be read, the People still kneeling.

For Divine Assistance.

O LORD God, who delightest in mercy, and art not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent, return and live; grant us, we beseech thee, thy gracious assistance in the future course of our lives; and teach us to act agreeably to the profession we make, and the desires we have now expressed before thee. Give us such a deep persuasion of the evil of sin, and of the importance and excellency of a holy life, that we may carefully abstain from all iniquity, and be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are, by Jesus Christ, to thy honour and glory. Amen.

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For the Knowledge and Improvement of Religious Truth.

HAVING a stedfast faith in thy perfections, may we act with integrity, and order our whole conversation as in thy fight: may we preferve a constant regard to thy perfect administration; enjoy the gifts of thy bounty with thankfulness; and receive with submission and chearfulness whatever thou appointest. By a diligent attention to the truths of our holy religion, may our minds be purified from all corrupt and fenfual paffions; may we acquire a more perfect command over ourselves; imitate the perfect example of Jesus in the practice of all goodness, and never be weary of well doing. all, grant that by the expectation of a happy immortality, our virtue may be supported, and our peace fecured until we are removed from the present to a higher state of being, and become partakers of that everlafting happiness

happiness which thou hast promised to thy faithful servants, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Practice of relative Duties.

O GRACIOUS God, from whom all holy defires proceed, produce in our minds those sentiments which may dispose us to all the duties of life; that in humility and meekness we may walk before thee, and being content with such things as we have, may chearfully leave all suture events to thy gracious appointment. Incline us to thy worship and service, and all the offices of piety and benevolence.

And grant, O merciful Father, that by expressing before thee the desires of our hearts, we may be more determined to live after thy commandments; thus may we attain that peace of mind which the world cannot give; and after a holy and useful life, be advanced to thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

The General Intercession.

For all Mankind.

O LORD, who wouldest have all men to be saved, fill the minds of thy reasonable creatures with the knowledge of thy truth; cause thy light to shine upon those who sit in darkness; dispel the prejudices under which they labour; above all we beg that thou wouldest deliver them from every evil affection, and bring them into the way of truth and happiness. May the gospel of Jesus Christ prevail through the world, and, by the power of its truth, and the exemplary conduct of those who profess it, enter the hearts, govern the lives, and thereby secure the happiness of all mankind.

Reform, we befeech thee, all the diforders which arise from the evil passions of men; put a stop to the wasting calamities of war throughout the world; and prosper the just designs of all those who delight in peace.

peace. May the bleffings of peace and good government become univerfal; and under the influence of good laws and a righteous administration, may all the advantages of civil society be widely extended, and the best interests of mankind be effectually secured; and whilst thy creatures enjoy the gifts of thy bounty, may they unite in praise and thanksgiving to thee, the author of all good. Amen.

For our Native Country.

WE humbly befeech thee, thou righteous Governor among the nations, in behalf of our native country; that it may please thee to preserve us in safety, and in the quiet enjoyment of the various blessings which thy providence has bestowed upon us. Mercifully keep us from all public calamities; and that we may escape the destructive evils with which thou hast often visited wicked nations, may we be disposed to a general reformation of manners;

give us the fruits of the earth in their feafons; may our trade and commerce flourish, and be so conducted as to prove real bleffings to the whole nation. Amen.

For the King.

WE commend to the care of thy providence thy servant George our King: fill his heart with every virtue, and affist him in the important duties to which he is called; prosper him in all his righteous undertakings; and, after a life of great and extensive usefulness in this world, advance him to thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom. Amen.

For the Queen and Royal Family.

MAY it please thee to bless the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; by the influence of a good example, and a wise and faithful discharge of the

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the duties of their high stations, may they be distinguished blessings to these kingdoms. Amen.

For the Parliament.

BLESS, we befeech thee, both houses of parliament. May all the members thereof be men fearing thee, and hating covetous-ness; preside in their counsels; prosper their good designs; and may they wisely discern, and steadily pursue the true interests of the nation. Amen.

For Judges and Magistrates.

BLESS our judges and magistrates; may they dispense justice with impartiality; discountenance profaneness and vice; and be an encouragement and protection to all who do well. *Amen*.

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WE recommend to thy gracious regards the ministers of the Christian religion; humbly befeeching thee, that their faithful endeavours to extend the knowledge of thy truth, and to promote the love and practice of thy holy commandments, may be favourably accepted, and crowned with success. Amen.

For the Afflicted.

O GOD of mercy, we humbly beg thy favourable regard to all our brethren in affliction; may thy wisdom be their direction; thy power their support; and thy goodness their considence; and by a patient behaviour under their afflictions, and a thankful acknowledgment of all thy mercies, may they be prepared for unmixed happiness in a future and better world. Amen.

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Concluding Prayer.

MERCIFULLY regard, O heavenly Father, these our petitions for ourselves and others, and grant that by thus expressing the defires of our hearts before thee, we may be more impressed with reverence for thee, charity for all mankind, and concern for our religious improvement. Pardon whatever thou hast feen amiss in us at this time. Affift us in the further duties which lie before us. May we receive thy word in the spirit of meekness, and adorn our Christian profession by the holiness of our Graciously accept our religious fervices, which we offer in the name and as the disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose words we conclude our addresses to thee:

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MORNING PRAYER.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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SIXTH SERVICE.

¶ Let the Minister introduce the Service by reading the following Exhortation, the Congregation rising up.

DEARLY beloved brethren, we are now met together under the profession of the christian faith, for the worship of Almighty God; to celebrate his glorious perfections; and to give thanks for all his mercies; to hear his holy word; to humble ourselves before him for our transgressions, and to pray for those things which are requisite and necessary for ourselves and others; wherefore let us, with sincere and humble hearts, approach the throne of grace.

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The Introductory Prayer; the People kneeling.

O MOST merciful God, unto whom all hearts are open, all defires known, and from whom no fecrets are hid, enable us at this time devoutly to magnify thy holy name, and most thankfully to acknowledge thy never failing goodness. May we hear the precepts of thy holy word with teachable and obedient minds; and may we fo humbly and fincerely confess our fins before thee, relying on thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ, as to obtain the forgiveness of them. Strengthen, we befeech thee, the refolutions we would now make, of living more worthy of our Christian profession; and grant that our prayers and praises may excite us to love thee more fervently, and to obey thy laws more fincerely and perfeetly; and may our intercessions for others be accompanied with fervent charity for all men. Let thy presence be in all the affemblies

affemblies of thy people this day. Graciously affist thy ministring servants in discharging the important duties of their sacred office; may they come forth in the sullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ, that sinners may be converted unto thee, and thy church may be edified in saith and holiness unto eternal salvation. Amen.

¶ Then let the Minister and People alternately recite the following Act of Adoration, the People standing.

Minister.

WORTHY art thou, O Lord, to receive bleffing, and honour, and glory, and praise; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

People.

By the things that are made, are clearly seen and understood thine eternal power and godhead.

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Minister.

Minister.

The heavens declare thy glory, O God, and the firmament sheweth thy handy work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

People.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord, in all places of thy dominion.

Minister.

Let all the earth, therefore, worship and fear before thee, O Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world glorify thy holy name.

People.

Thou art great and greatly to be praised; thy greatness is unsearchable.

Minister.

The earth is full of thy goodness; thou makest thy sun to shine; thou givest rain from heaven and fruitful seasons; and thy bounty

bounty supplieth the wants of every living thing.

People.

Thou art good unto all, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works.

Minister:

Thou, O Lord, hast created man in thine own image, hast given him understanding; hast written thy law in his heart, and instructed him by the revelation of thy will.

People.

Thou, O Lord, hast made us and not we ourselves. We rejoice in thee as the God of our salvation.

Minister.

O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and goodness of God.

People.

Bless the Lord, O our souls, and let all that is within us bless his holy name.

¶ Here let the First Lesson be read, taken from the Old Testament: the Minister is afterwards to proceed as follows, the People standing:

The General Thanksgiving.

Minister.

MOST merciful and gracious Lord our God, we adore thee as the fountain of all good, who delightest in the happiness of thy creatures, and art daily imparting the riches of thy bounty. Whilst we gratefully acknowledge thy goodness to mankind in general, we would more especially bless thee for our own experience of thy loving kindnefs. We thank thee that thou haft given us life, and formed us for future happiness. By thee are our wants supplied; from thee our enjoyments proceed. Thou dost preserve us from innumerable evils, and art continually watching over us for good. We devoutly praise thee for every temporal enjoyment, personal and relative. But above all, we thank thee for spiritual bleffings in heavenly

heavenly things in Christ Jesus. We praise thee that thou hast so loved the world as to give thy well-beloved fon, that whofoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Glory be to God in the highest, that through him thou hast proclaimed on earth peace, and good will towards men. We praise thee for his holy life, his excellent doctrine, and the glorious miracles which he wrought to confirm it. We rejoice that because he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross, therefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name above every name, that in the name of Jesus every knee might bow, and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. We praise thee for the affurance we have of his fecond coming to raife the dead, to judge the world, and to complete that great falvation which he hath wrought out for us.

People.

Glory be unto thee, O God, for the bounties of thy providence, and for the blessings of thy grace through Jesus Christ.

- ¶ Here a Thanksgiving on any particular Occasion may be introduced.
- I Let the Minister read the Second Lesson, taken from the New Testament; after which a Psalm or Hymn may be sung; the Service then to proceed as follows:

Minister.

WE have done iniquity in the fight of God, let us therefore, with humble and contrite hearts, confess and lament before him the manifold errors and follies of our lives.

People.

Unto us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against God.

Minister.

Minister.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, whilft we devoutly praise thee for thine innumerable benefits, we defire also humbly and penitently to acknowledge our imperfections and unworthiness; we confess that in many things we have offended, and come far short of that love and obedience which are due unto thee, the Father of our spirits, and the God of our mercies. Enter not into judgment with thy fervants, O Lord, for in thy fight can no man living be justified. Forgive us, we pray thee, all our failings and transgressions for thy mercy's fake, and according to thy gracious declaration to mankind by thy well beloved fon. And may thy long fuffering goodness lead us to a fincere and thorough repentance. Give us a due sense of the evil of all fin, and especially of those instances of it into which we have fallen. May the hope of thy pardoning mercy make us more watchful over ourselves, that

that wherein we have offended thee, the gracious parent of our beings, we may do fo no more, but may always do the things that are pleafing in thy fight. Vouchfafe us, we befeech thee, the light of thy reconciled countenance, and establish our minds in a fincere and earnest desire to secure thy favour and acceptance unto eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then let the Minister proceed with the following Prayers; the People still kneeling.

A Prayer for Piety.

O GOD, the inexhaustible fountain of life, perfection, and happiness, we lift up our hearts unto thee as the greatest, wisest, and best of beings. From the contemplation of thy works, the dispensations of thy providence, and the discoveries of thy will, may we be led to entertain pure and worthy conceptions of thee. Impress our minds with a deep sense of thy universal presence; may we always endeavour to approve ourselves

felves in thy fight, to feek thy favour, which is life, and to avoid thy displeasure, which is worse than death. May we love thee with all our hearts, and rejoice in thy benevolent and righteous government. Above all, we desire to yield a chearful obedience to thy commandments, and an unreserved submission to thy will. And by observing the ordinances and means of grace which thou hast provided, may we at length be prepared for thy glorious worship in heaven. Amen.

A Prayer respecting Relative Duties.

O LORD our heavenly Father, may the confideration of thy goodness and mercy towards ourselves, fill our hearts with the warmest affection towards our sellow creatures. May we look upon mankind in general as our brethren. May we suffer no distinction of birth, of country, or of religion, no difference of opinion or custom to restrain our charity, or to confine

our good will, seeing the same Lord over all is rich in mercy to all that call upon him. May thy sorbearance towards us, notwith-standing our many offences, lead us to the exercise of patience one towards another, forbearing one another in love. May we never harbour a spirit of revenge, but may we forgive the injuries we receive, even as we hope to be forgiven.

As thou hast placed us in different stations of life, assist us, O Lord, to perform the duties of our respective situations, with all fidelity and good conscience. May we ever shew all due respect to our superiors, kindness to our equals, and to our inferiors condescension and mildness. May we be continually improving in all good and generous affections. And may we be so united together by the ties of friendship and brotherly love here upon earth, that at length we may be admitted to those blissful mansions where peace and concord, love and friendship reign in the highest perfection. Amen.

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For Improvement in Religious Knowledge, and Self-government.

O THOU Father of lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, as we enjoy fo many religious advantages, difpose us to make a right improvement of them. May we seriously peruse the holy scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation. May we esteem the gospel as the most invaluable treasure. Lead us by thy holy spirit into the knowledge of all important truths; may we feel their divine energy on our souls; and may our whole lives be under their sacred influence.

Professing ourselves Christians, may we endeavour to imitate the example of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May the same holy, humble, patient, spiritual, and heavenly temper, which was so conspicuous

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in him, prevail also in our breasts, and shine forth in the whole of our lives.

Awaken, O Lord, in our minds a due fense of the evil of sin. Help us to guard more especially against those sins which most easily beset us, and from which we are in the greatest danger.

May we be ever mindful of that awful feafon which is fast approaching, when every difguife shall be stripped off, and the fecrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, before the righteous judge of the whole earth. May this confideration render us diligent and watchful in guarding against temptation, and zealous and active in the performance of our duty, fo that when our Lord comes, he may not furprise us unprepared, but may find us employed in his fervice. And from a life of diligence, faith, and patience on earth, may we be translated to a life of glory and happiness in heaven. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Intercession.

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WE desire not to confine our prayers to ourselves, but would cultivate the most disfusive benevolence and ardent wishes for the happiness of all the human race. We therefore beseech thee, O Lord, to be merciful to the whole world. May they who sit in darkness come to the knowledge and practice of the gospel, and be saved in the great day of the Lord Jesus. Lead all who name the name of Christ into the path of truth, righteousness, and peace.

May mankind in general enjoy every privilege to which they are entitled. May good and impartial laws prevail in every nation, that the rich and the poor, the elevated and the low, may be alike fubject to them, and be equally protected by them.

May the rights of conscience and private judgment be sacred and secure from all human

human controul, and be enjoyed in their utmost extent. Put an end to the dominion of superstition and bigotry over the human mind. Give an effectual check to all that pride and ambition which disturb the world. Establish the dominion of righteousness and peace on the earth, that nation may not lift up the sword against nation, nor learn war any more. Amen.

TAKE the British empire under thy protection. O do thou pour out in the midst of us the spirit of wisdom and piety, of purity and peace, of harmony and justice. May there be a general spirit of humble repentance and reformation, a spirit of servency, prayer, and supplication. And O thou great King and Governor amongst the nations, avert from us, we entreat thee, pestilence and samine, earthquakes, wars, and all thy other desolating judgments. Let not our iniquities terminate

in our utter destruction. Grant, O Lord, that all the inhabitants of these lands may have their hearts united in the sear of thy holy name, in a joint pursuit of one common interest, and in brotherly love and christian charity one towards another. Do thou delight to dwell among us and to do us good. And may our liberties, civil and sacred, under the care of thy overruling providence, be transmitted down secure and improved to the latest generations. Amen.

BLESS our King; may his heart and throne be established in righteousness; give him a wise and understanding sprit; make him a growing and lasting blessing to these kingdoms. Bless the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family; guide them by thy counsel in this world, and at length receive them into thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

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BLESS the Ministers of the everlasting gospel, of every denomination, in their important work. May they obtain mercy of the Lord to be found faithful and be made abundantly successful. Amen.

BE merciful, O God, to all that are under any affliction or distress; who labour under poverty or persecution; under bodily pains and diseases; or under temptations or troubles of mind: mercifully support and comfort them; lay no more on them than thou wilt enable them to bear; reconcile them to all thy dispensations; sanctify their troubles; prepare them for thy whole will concerning them; and in thine own due time give them a happy deliverance out of all their afflictions. Amen.

BLESS, we befeech thee, our relations and friends, leading them to virtue and happiness here, and rewarding them with eternal life and glory hereafter. Requite the kindness of our benefactors. Pardon the malice of all who have done or wished us evil, guiding them to repentance, and shewing thy mercy upon them. Amen.

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Concluding Prayer.

FATHER of mercies, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise thee for the opportunity we have now enjoyed of uniting together in the folemn and delightful exercises of thy worship. Pardon whatever thy pure eyes have feen amiss in us. Grant that by thus waiting upon thee our spiritual strength may be renewed, and our devotional habits be confirmed. Affift us in the duties which further lie before us. And by the fincere and humble, though imperfect worship of thine earthly courts, may we be trained up for the more perfect and exalted worship of thine heavenly temple. Hear and accept us, O God, according to thine abundant mercies, in Jesus Christ, in whose words we further call upon thee:

OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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This Service to be introduced with the following Sentences by the Minister; the People rising up.

WHO is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and on earth?

Thus faith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is holy, I dwell in the high and holy place; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. A deal stop a resident granted

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Trust in the Lord at all times, ye people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

The Introductory Prayer; the People kneeling.

O THOU, who hearest prayer, who fearchest the heart, and who must be worshipped in spirit and in truth; we would enter upon the folemnities of devotion, with a deep sense of our unworthiness, with just views of thy perfections, and the end of religious homage. May we contemplate and adore the glories of thy nature with profound veneration and facred joy; may we present our thanksgivings with lively gratitude, confess our fins with contrite fpirits, and supplicate thy pardon with unfeigned charity to all mankind, and holy purposes of amendment. Enable us to hear thy word with understanding and obedient hearts; and may we implore thy future bleffing under a just sense of our dependance

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dependance on thy providence, with stedfast reliance on thy wisdom and goodness, with chearful resignation to thy will, and a supreme desire of thy favour, as our greatest good for time and eternity.

We offer up our prayers and praises as the disciples of Jesus Christ, thy well-beloved son; by whom the whole family upon earth may come with considence unto thee, the father of all, to obtain mercy, and find grace to help, in time of need.

People.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

¶ Then let the Minister and People, standing, alternately recite the following Psalm.

Minister.

BLESS the Lord, O our fouls, and all that is within us bless his holy name.

People.

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People.

Bless the Lord, O our souls; and forget not all his benefits.

Minister.

He forgiveth all our iniquities, he healeth all our diseases; he redeemeth our life from destruction; he crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercies.

People.

He satisfieth us with good things, so that our strength is renewed like the eagles.

Minister.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger for ever.

People.

He bath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

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Minister.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

People.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Minister.

Like as a father pitieth his children, fo the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

People.

He knoweth our frame; be remembereth that we are dust.

Minister.

As for man his days are as grass; as a flower of the field so he flourisheth.

People.

The wind passeth over it and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Minister

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Minister.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, and his righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

People.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the beavens, and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Minister. The amount

Bless the Lord ye his angels that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

People.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his that do his pleasure.

Minister.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

People.

Bless the Lord, O our souls.

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Then let the First Lesson be read, taken out of the Old Testament. The Minister is afterwards to proceed as follows; the People standing:

Minister.

LET us offer unto God the facrifice of thanksgiving for his great goodness unto us, and to all mankind.

The General Thanksgiving.

Minister.

WITH gratitude and joy would we ever acknowledge thee, O God, as our gracious creator, and constant benefactor. We adore thy wisdom and power, as displayed in our existence, in the formation of our bodies, and the constitution of our minds. Thou, O God, hast called us into existence, and made us capable of an everlasting improvement in the knowledge and love of thee, the supreme good.

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Thy mercy hath followed us all our days. Thou holdest our souls in life; thou feedest us with food convenient for us.

People.

Blessed be the God of our salvation, who daily loadeth us with benefits.

Minister.

With our whole hearts would we thank thee, O Lord, that to the gift of life, the powers of our nature, and our many temporal mercies, thou hast added the clear discovery of thy being and perfections, of the relation we sustain to thee, of thy will concerning us, of the great principles of thy government, and of a suture state of inheritance, uncorrupted, undefiled, and that sadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us.

We render thee our grateful thanks for the former dispensations of thy grace by thy fervants the prophets, but more especially

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Son. We rejoice in him as the way, the truth, and the life; and we bless thee for all the benefits we derive from the glad tidings he published, the excellence of his doctrine, the purity of his character, the sufferings he endured, the death to which he gave himself up, his resurrection from the dead, and his exaltation to thy right hand.

People.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord fesus Christ, for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Minister.

How precious are thy thoughts unto us, O God, how great is the fum of them. The bleffings we receive from thy hands, the benefits which refult from the exercise of our various powers, the advantages and comforts we derive from the several rela-

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tions we bear to our fellow creatures, and the kind offices of brotherly love, every good we now enjoy, and every hope of future good, are alike the gifts of thy paternal bounty. Our help cometh from thee alone, and to thy great name be the glory and the praise for ever. Amen.

- ¶ Here the Thanksgivings on any particular occasions may be introduced.
- Then let the Minister read the Second Lesson taken out of the New Testament; after which a Psalm or Hymn may be sung, and then the Service to proceed as follows:

Minister.

SURELY it is meet to be said unto God, we have done iniquity.

Let us therefore unite in the penitent acknowledgment of our offences, and in fupplicating the divine pardon, assistance, and blessing.

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The General Confession; the People kneeling.

O THOU righteous and holy Sovereign of heaven and earth, we acknowledge ourfelves unworthy of the least of thy mercies; we have been too forgetful of thee, in whose hand our life is. We have acted in many instances contrary to the dictates of our consciences, and the precepts of thy holy word. We have not made a proper improvement of the time and talents entrusted to us. We lament, heavenly Father. that we have done evil in thy fight, and are unworthy to be called thy children. We cannot plead ignorance of our duty, as an excuse for our offences; for thou hast shewed us what is good, and what thou the Lord requirest of us. Should we attempt to justify ourselves, our own hearts would condemn us. Our only hope is in thine everlasting goodness, especially as manifested by Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us, we befeech thee, the aid of thy spirit,

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that we may readily comply with the gracious terms of the gospel. Sincerely humbled for our past fins, may we with true faith turn unto thee, and walk in newness of life to the glory of thy holy name.

People.

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins; but shew us thy mercy, and grant us thy salvation, through Jesus Christ.

Then let the Minister read the following Prayers, the People still kneeling.

For Divine Assistance.

FATHER of mercies, thou givest grace unto the humble; with deep humility we would feek thy blessing upon every good purpose we form, and on all our endeavours after holiness of heart and life.

Help us to subdue the power of every finful habit, to purify our hearts from all defilement,

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defilement, to abstain from every presumptuous transgression, and to sly from every appearance of evil.

Ceasing to do evil, may we learn to do well. Henceforth may the same mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. May we make haste and delay not to keep all thy commandments; may thy law become our delight; and, forgetting the things which are behind, may we press forward toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

For Piety.

O THOU, who art supremely great and good, lead us to a wise improvement of the advantages we enjoy for acquiring the knowledge of thyself. As far as our limited capacities will admit, may we see thee as thou art, all excellence in thyself, and all goodness to thy creatures; may we be ever mindful of thy continual presence; and may reverence and gratitude, trust K.4.

and fubmission, and a concern to serve thee as obedient children, and to obtain thy paternal favour, become perpetual and ruling principles within us. Amen.

For Good-will to all Mankind.

the commandments; that it is been UNDER the influence of the benevolent fpirit of the gospel, may we regard all mankind as brethren; may we always defire their welfare, and however small our ability, uniformly strive to promote it. More especially, in our nearer connections with each other, may all bitterness, pride, anger, and evil speaking be put away from us. May meekness and truth, justice and equity, kindness, long-suffering, and forgiveness form our temper, and govern our conduct. May we be grateful to those who do or wish us good, and do good even to those who hate us. As children of one father, who is good to all, and as members of the same body in Christ, who died for all,

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all, may we do to others as we would that they should do unto us. Amen.

For Self-government.

ASSIST us, O Lord, we befeech thee, in the government of ourselves. Lead us to cultivate a more lively faith in Jesus as thy Son, in the doctrines which he taught, and the great end of his divine mission. this faith may we add fortitude in refisting every temptation, whether arifing from prosperity or adversity, from evil example, or the corrupt habits of our own minds. As thine intelligent offspring, and the difciples of Christ, may we add to our fortitude temperance, steadily and chearfully facrificing every unlawful gratification to our duty, and our eternal happiness. Difpose us to pay a constant attention to the discipline of our thoughts, principles, words, and actions; may we particularly watch against those sins which most easily beset us; may we redeem the time we have

have lost, and well improve the short uncertain remnant of our days. Amen.

For Temporal Bleffings.

SINCERELY defirous to use the world as not abusing it, and seeking in the first place the kingdom of God and the righteousness thereof, we humbly pray that thou wilt add every needful good unto us. Feed us with food convenient for us; grant us health of body, and peace of mind, if confiftent with our everlafting welfare, but, above all, that peace of God, which paffeth all understanding, which the world can neither give nor take away. O thou eternal fource of good, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us while we continue upon earth; fupport us when we go down to the house appointed for all the living; and when he who is our life shall appear, may we also appear with him in glory.

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People.

The Lord grant that we may find mercy of the Lord in that day.

For all Mankind.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art well pleased with the intercessions and thankfgivings of thy creatures in behalf of each other, we thank thee for every expression of thy goodness to the human race, and befeech thee to extend our peculiar advantages to all mankind. More especially may all the kingdoms of the earth be brought to the knowledge of thee, the only true God, and of Jesus Christ, whom thou haft fent. May all who profess the faith of Christ be shining examples of goodnefs, may the spirit of persecution for ever cease, and may truth and righteousness, peace and charity every where abound. Amen.

For our Country.

MOST gracious God, who from thy throne dost behold all the dwellers upon earth, look down with mercy, we pray thee, upon the kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and all the dominions thereunto belonging. May our fins be repented of, forfaken, and forgiven; and may the principles of piety, benevolence, and universal holiness be cultivated and reduced to practice, by all ranks of men among us. Preserve us from all public calamities; bless us with healthful times and fruitful feasons; may our present mercies be well improved, and long continued; may every real good be imparted, and the privileges by which thy favour hath distinguished us, be handed down inviolate to the latest posterity. Amen.

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For the King.

ALMIGHTY God, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, we humbly befeech thee to fend down thy bleffing upon thy fervant George our King. May we evermore have reason to rejoice in him, as the minister of thy providence for good; may his government be prosperous and happy; and may he at length be received into thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom. Amen.

For the Queen and Royal Family.

WE befeech thee, O Lord, to visit with thy favour the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Grant them exalted wisdom, virtue, and happiness in this world, and in that which is to come life everlasting. Amen.

For all in Stations of Trust and Authority.

BLESS our magistrates, and all in authority over us; may they all study to serve thee, and faithfully discharge the duties of their several stations, always remembering the great account they must one day give unto thee, the governor of the universe and the judge of all men. Amen.

For the Parliament, to be read during their Session.

O GOD of wisdom, preside, we entreat thee, in the great council of the nation, at this time in Parliament assembled; direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, and to the safety, honour, and welfare of these kingdoms. Amen.

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For the Ministers of Religion.

OGOD, the Father of lights, bless, we entreat thee, the ministers of the gospel, of every denomination. Unite them and thy people together in truth and love. Pour out upon them a spirit of humility, charity, and forbearance. With one confent, may they all study to promote the interests of religion and virtue, and the salvation of mankind. Amen.

For the Afflicted.

O THOU whose compassion faileth not, we humbly look up unto thee in behalf of our afflicted brethren; beseeching thee that thou wouldst visit them with mercy, according to their several necessities. Be thou a father to the fatherless, and the desender of the widow; provide for the poor; grant health to the sick, ease to those who are in pain, and comfort to those

those who mourn. Interpose for the relief of the oppressed, and more especially for thy faithful servants who are in any manner persecuted for righteousness sake. Give all thy suffering people fortitude, submission, and consolation in the day of trial, and at length an eternal deliverance from every affliction. Amen.

Concluding Prayer.

ACCEPT, O Lord, we most earnestly beseech thee, the sentiments and desires of our hearts, which we have now poured out before thee. Favourably receive the acknowledgments we have made of our fins and impersections, and grant us pardon and peace on the terms of thy gospel. Hear and answer the petitions we have offered up, as far as thou knowest will be good for us. Let our praises and thanks-givings be acceptable to thee; and receive our intercessions for the temporal and eternal happiness of all our fellow creatures.

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And now, O Lord, we commit ourselves to thy powerful and wise protection; guide us by thy providence and grace to the persect knowledge and performance of thy will here, and to the enjoyment of that eternal happiness hereafter, which thou hast reserved for thy faithful servants, and promised by thy well-beloved son Jesus Christ. In his name, and as his disciples, we trust for the acceptance of ourselves, and of our sincere, though impersect services; and in his words we further call upon thee,

OUR Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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¶ Let the Minister introduce the Service by reading the following Sentences; the Congregation rising up.

GOD is a spirit, and they who worship him acceptably must worship him in spirit and in truth.

I befeech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present yourselves a living facrifice wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

People.

Blessed are they who keep his statutes, and who seek him with their whole hearts.

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The Introductory Prayer; the People kneeling.

INFINITELY glorious and ever bleffed Lord our God, we thine unworthy fervants defire at this time to offer unto thee our united supplications and thanksgivings, encouraged by thy great goodness manifested unto us in the gospel of thy son Jesus Christ. May we remember thee, our creator, preserver, and benefactor, with holy fear, love, and gratitude, and may we worship thee who art a Spirit in spirit and in truth: that our various services may be acceptable in thy fight, and truly beneficial to our own fouls. Dispose us to attend to the reading of thy word, as the dictates of divine wisdom, for our religious improvement and eternal falvation. we give thanks unto thee with gratitude and devotion; confess our fins with fincere repentance, and hear what shall be delivered for our instruction with attention, candour, and felf-application. Thus may

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we become wifer and better, be gradually trained up for thine heavenly kingdom, and at last be admitted to that happiness which thou hast graciously promised to all thy faithful servants, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ Then let the following Act of Adoration be recited by the Minister and People alternately, the Congregation standing.

Minister.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknow-ledge thee to be the Lord.

People.

We bless and praise thy glorious name, and thankfully own thy never failing mercy.

Minister.

We gratefully admire and adore thine infinite wisdom, power, and goodness, O most holy Lord God omnipotent.

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Day by day will we worship thee, the everlasting Father.

Minister.

Glory be unto thee, O God, the creator, preserver, and supporter of all; the supporter governor and righteous judge of all the earth.

People.

Glory and adoration, praise and thanksgiving, be unto thee, O God, the sovereign Lord of all beings.

Minister.

The heavens and the earth are full of thy glory and majesty, O God, who fillest all places with thy presence.

People.

Thou art a God at hand, and not a God afar off; none can hide himself in secret places, that thou canst not see him.

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Minister.

We, with all thy holy church throughout the world, do joyfully acknowledge and celebrate thee, the one only living and true God.

People.

The Lord our God is one Lord, and to him alone be glory for ever.

Minister,

All thy works glorify thee, O God, and all thy creatures praife thee.

People.

The world and all things therein shew forth thy glory.

Minister.

O all ye host of heaven, bless ye the Lord, praise and magnify him for ever.

People.

O all ye sons of men, bless ye the Lord, praise and magnify him for ever.

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O all ye works of God, in all places of his dominion, bless ye the Lord, praise and magnify him for ever.

People.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth for evermore.

Mere let the First Lesson be read from the Old Testament; then the following Thanksgiving; the People standing:

The General Thanksgiving.

Minister.

FATHER of mercies, and fountain of all good, we thank thee that thy divine perfections are manifested unto us in the works of thy creation: we bless thee for our preservation in life, for all the comforts and conveniences we enjoy, and for every instance of thy goodness to us and to all men.

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We thank thee for all thy dispensations, whereby thou hast revealed thyself to mankind; for all holy men and prophets, whom thou hast raised up in past ages to teach men the knowledge of religion and virtue, and to instruct them in the worship of thee, the One only living and true God.

People.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister.

Glory be to thee, O God, that in the fulness of time, thou didst send thy Son Jesus Christ to bring life and immortality to light, and to bless mankind by turning them from their iniquities. We thank thee for the proofs he gave that thou wast with him, by the miracles which he wrought, by the prophecies which he uttered and sulfilled, by the purity of his doctrines, the perfection of his precepts, and his excellent example. We praise thee,

thee, that after being made perfect by his fufferings and death, he was declared to be the Son of God with power, by his refurrection from the dead. We magnify thee, that when he had shewed himself alive, after this, by many infallible proofs, he was taken up into heaven, and set at thy right hand, who hast made him head over all things to the church. And we adore thee that thou hast appointed a day in which thou wilt judge the world in righteousness by him, and render unto all men according to their works.

People.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and goodness of God!

Minister.

We humbly pray, O Lord, that all thine abundant goodness to us may deeply impress our hearts, and have an abiding influence on our lives. May the various and powerful motives to religion, which are presented

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presented to us, produce their genuine effect upon us, that by a patient continuance in well-doing, we may seek for glory, honour, and immortality; and that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory, and receive the end of our faith, even our eternal falvation.

People.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wife God, be bonour and glory, through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

- ¶ Here may be introduced the Thanksgivings on particular Occasions.
- Here let the Minister read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament; then let a Psalm or Hymn be sung; after which the Service to proceed with the following Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer, the People kneeling:

Minister.

WE thank thee, O Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast directed us by Jesus Christ

Christ to pray unto thee as Our Father. Thou didst at first give us life, and endue us with understanding. By thy paternal care all our wants are supplied, and in thee we continually live and move and have our being. We rejoice that all events are under the direction of thy providence, and that nothing can befal any of us without thy permission.

People.

We adore thee as our Father who art in beaven.

Minister.

Great and wonderful are thy works, Lord God almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints. Thou art exalted above all blessing and praise, the whole earth is sull of thy glory, and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

O thou, who fearchest all hearts, dispose us and all mankind, we beseech thee, to manisest our reverence of thy persections, by endeavouring rightly to know thee, the only

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only true God, and by maintaining fuch a fense of thy continual presence with us, as will engage us to love and serve thee at all times. May we speak forth thy praise with grateful hearts. May we worship thee in spirit and in truth; and whatsoever we do, may we do all to thy glory.

People.

Hallowed be thy name.

Minister.

Most gracious and ever blessed God, we pray that all thy reasonable creatures may own their allegiance to thee, and become the willing subjects of thy government. May the power of true religion be more selt in the hearts, and manisested in the lives of men. May the gospel be continually spreading throughout the world, and may the pure knowledge and the genuine fruits of it appear more in those who profess it. May we and all the disciples of Christ, be truly humble, sincere, and holy. In every relation and condition of

life, may we do unto others as we could reasonably desire they should do unto us. May we love God with our whole hearts, and keep all his commandments continually. In thy due time, may oppression and ignorance, persecution and war cease from the earth, and may all nations be blessed with pure religion and virtue, knowledge and liberty, peace and good order.

People.

Thy kingdom come.

Minister.

O thou righteous governor of all worlds, may thy laws, which are always wife, just, and good, ever be duly obeyed. May the whole human race serve thee with perfect hearts and with willing minds. May their obedience be like the obedience of the spirits above. May all mankind endeavour to advance the purposes of thy benevolent government, by acting with sidelity in the several

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feveral circumstances which thou hast allotted unto them.

As in heaven, angels who excel in strength do thy commandments, hearkening to the voice of thy word, so may those who are entrusted with power and dominion in this world, be ministers of God to thy people for good.

In a more especial manner would we express our desires for this the land of our nativity. May thy gospel be honoured amongst us, and may we be that happy people whose God is the Lord.

May our King rule over us in thy fear; deeply sensible of his dependance upon thee, may he faithfully discharge the duties of the important station in which thy providence has placed him. May he be duly attentive to the peace and welfare of this nation; may he be blessed of thee in his person and in his family.

May all magistrates, and those in authority, consider themselves as the stewards of heaven, who must one day render an ac-

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count of their conduct to the supreme judge. May thy pure and holy laws be the rule of their lives, and the guide of all their consultations.

May all christian ministers sincerely endeavour rightly to understand thy holy word. And may they so explain it to others as to bring them to the firm belief and constant practice of the truth; and by their exemplary lives and conversation may they manisest the excellence of the holy religion which they recommend.

May we and all thy rational offspring chearfully refign ourselves to thy disposal. Whatever circumstances thou seest good to allot for us in this world, whether prosperous or adverse, may it be our care to maintain, amidst all the changes of human life, such a temper and conduct as thou shalt approve. May thy commands be executed, and thine appointments be readily acquiesced in by all thy creatures, in every rank and situation in which thy providence has placed them.

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People.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in beaven.

Minister.

Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we befeech thee graciously to supply our constantly returning wants. May we not be too anxious for the morrow, nor fix our hearts upon the goods of this world. We gratefully own our dependance upon thee, and entreat only that portion of the blessings of the present life, for ourselves and others, which thy wisdom and goodness shall see fit to bestow.

People.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

Minister.

Holy Father, we acknowledge that we do not merit any of thy favours; for with shame and remorfe we must confess, that we have already too much neglected and

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abused thy goodness. In many things have we all offended. In thy fight, O Lord, no man living is justified. lament our past guilt and ingratitude; we lament every instance in which we have transgressed thy most rightcous and holy laws, in thought, in word, or in deed. And we fincerely defire and refolve, by divine affiftance, to forfake every evil way. With penitent and contrite hearts, we earnestly implore thy pardon of our many and aggravated fins. And we would present this request, with that forgiving temper towards those that have offended us, which thou requireft of all who would obtain thy mercy.

People.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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Suffer us not, O God, to be tempted beyond what we are able to refift, but with the temptation make a way for our escape. May

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May we not indulge in those thoughts, defires, or evil communications which are not according to godlinefs. Deliver us, merciful Father, we befeech thee, from vanity and felfishness, from malice and injustice, from impiety and prophaneness, and from every thing that is contrary to thy holy william non matthing the store

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Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us whole lives, and thally attain from evil. Minister, through thing inhalte merc

We humbly offer up these our adorations and requests unto thee, O God, for thou alone art possessed of those perfections that demand our religious confidence and homage. While our being endures, therefore, we would celebrate thy praise. And let every creature bless thy holy name, througout all ages.

People.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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O THOU that hearest prayer, deign, we entreat thee, to accept these our praises and supplications. Pardon the impersections which attend our best services. Assist us in the duties which further lie before us. Enlighten our minds with thy holy spirit, that we may receive the truth in the love of it, be guided by it in our whole lives, and finally attain to eternal salvation, through thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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At the beginning of Morning Prayer the Minister shall read one or more of these Sentences of Scripture that follow; after which he shall read the Exhortation.

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GIVE unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Psal. xxix. 6.

O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds amongst the people. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face for evermore. Ps. cv. 1, 3, 4.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high; and yet humbleth M3 himself

himself to behold the things which are in heaven and on earth Pfal. exiti. 5.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forfake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, unto our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Ifa. lv. 6, 7.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he hath set before us. Dan. ix. 9, 10.

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O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture exhorteth us in fundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold fins and wickedness before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father, with an humble, lowly,

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towly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the fame by his infinite goodness and mercy. And as we ought in our private prayers humbly to acknowledge our fins before God, fo likewise ought we to do when we affemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands: to fet forth his most worthy praise; to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the foul. Wherefore I befeech you, as many as are here prefent, to accompany me with an humble heart unto the throne of heavenly grace.

A Then shall be read by the Minister the General Confession, all kneeling.

The General Confession.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways M 4 like

like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have lest undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But do thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind by Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter lead a sober, righteous, and godly life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all defires known, and from whom no fecrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts from all evil, and renew us in the spirit of our minds, that we may perfectly love thee, worthily magnify

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nify thy holy name, and worship thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall read the following Pfalm.

Pfalm C.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; ferve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye fure that the Lord he is God: it is he who hath made us, and not we our felves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thankfgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlafting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

People.

Unto the Lord our God will we lift up our fouls, and magnify his name together.

Then shall be recited by the Minister and People, alternately, the following Anthem, taken out of the holy Scriptures.

An Anthem on the Divine Perfections.

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O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the earth. Pfal. viii. 9.
People.

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We will be glad and rejoice in thee; we will fing praises to thy name, O thou most High. Psal. ix. 2.

Minister.

Thou, Lord, art great; there is none like unto thee; neither is there any God besides thee. 2 Sam. vii. 22.

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Who is like unto thee, O Lord, who is like unto thee! glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders! Ex. xv. 11.

Minister.

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever thou hadst formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Pfal. xc. 2.

People.

Thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. Psal. cii. 27.

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Great is our God, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. Pf. cxlvii. 5.

People.

The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence; the hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Psal. cxviii. 16.

Minister.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. *Prov.* xv. 3.

People.

His eyes are on the way of man; and he feeth all his goings. Job xxxiv. 21.

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The Lord is righteous in all his ways; and holy in all his works. Pfal. clxv. 17.

People.

Thou art not a God that hast pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with thee. Psal. v. 4.

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Minister.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and just are thy judgments. Pfal. cxix, 37.

People.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness; and thy law is the truth. Psal. cxix. 142.

Minister.

The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works. Psal. cxlv. 9.

People.

The memorial of thy loving kindness shall be shewn; and men shall sing of thy goodness. Psal. cxlv. 7.

Minister.

Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon thee. *Pfal*. lxxxvi. 5.

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People.

The Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations, Psal. c. 5.

Minister.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. *Psal.* cvii. 21.

People.

That they would offer unto him the facrifice of thanksgiving, and tell of his works with gladness. Ver. 22.

Minister.

Let all those that seek him be glad, and rejoice in him: let such as love his salvation say continually, the Lord be praised. Psal. xl. 16.

Thou, Lord, an elgose and ready to for-

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth for evermore. Plat. cxiii. 2.

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Then shall be read the First Lesson taken out of the Old Testament; after which the Service to proceed as follows:

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Blessed be the Lord for his goodness and for his loving kindness to the children of men.

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world

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world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And we beseech thee to give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unseignedly thankful, and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, according to the gospel of thy son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Minister.

Glory be unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wife God.

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Who is good to all, and whose tender mercies are over all his works.

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Then shall be read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament; after which a Psalm or Hymn may be sung, and then shall be read the following Prayers:

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For the right Understanding the boly Scriptures.

BLESSED Lord God, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our instruction, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Divine Direction and Bleffing.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, grant, we beseech thee, unto us thy servants a right judgment in all things;

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give us a filial fear and love of thy name; increase in us true religion, and establish our hearts in all goodness. Direct and preserve us in the way of thy truth, and in obedience to thy commandments, that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things that are eternal. Amen.

For Christian Fellowship.

O GOD of all grace, who hast built thy church upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, grant that we and all Christians may be so joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, and so sollow them in all godly living, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable in thy sight, and may come at last to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unseignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For the Divine Protection.

O LORD, the preserver of all that trust in thee, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we humbly befeech thee mercifully to look upon our frailties and infirmities, and for the glory of thy holy name, turn from us all those evils which we have most justly deferved, and give us those things which may be profitable to us. Keep us under the protection of thy good providence. Grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust in thy mercy, enjoy that peace which the world cannot give, and evermore serve thee in holiness of life, as true disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Is the abstract which will be of the Olly

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For the King.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, the supreme ruler of Princes, we beseech thee with thy favour to behold thy servant George our King, and so replenish him with the grace of thy holy spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: grant him in health and happiness long to live: prosper all his righteous undertakings, and after this life may he attain everlasting joy and felicity, through thy mercy and goodness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Queen and Royal Family.'

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family; endue them with thy holy spirit; enrich them with thy heaven-

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ly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting king-dom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Parliament; to be read during the Session.

MOST gracious God, we humbly befeech thee to bestow thy blessing upon the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, and the safety, honour, and welfare of this kingdom, that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest soundation, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and liberty, may flourish among us to all generations. Amen.

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For the Clergy and People.

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of lights, and giver of every good gift, fend down upon all Christian ministers, and upon all congregations, committed to their charge, the holy spirit of thy grace, and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy bleffing. Give fuccess to all fincere endeavours to promote the knowledge of thy word, and the practice of thy commandments. To all thy people extend thy favour, and grant to this congregation, that with meekness and humility, they may hear and receive thy holy word, and become wife unto everlafting falvation. This, O Lord, we humbly ask in the name of thy fon, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. di bia norgian

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O GOD, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly befeech thee for all forts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleafed to make thy way known unto them, thy faving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the whole Christian Church, that it may be fo guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or diffressed in mind, body, or estate, that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their feveral necessities, giving them patience under their fufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. In these

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our requests, we entreat thee, O God, to hear and accept us as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Here the Prayers on any particular Occasion may be introduced.

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast permitted us at this time to make our united supplications unto thee, and hast promised to grant the requests of those who humbly ask in thy Son's name, sulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

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At the beginning of Evening Prayer, the Minister shall read some one or more of the following Sentences; after which he shall read the Exhortation.

THUS faith the Lord thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord thy God, who teacheth thee to profit, who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Is. xlviii. 17.

Lo, this is our. God, we have waited for him, and he will fave us; this is the Lord, we have waited for him; we will be glad and rejoice in his falvation. If. xxv. 9.

Trust in him at all times, ye people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge. *Pfal.* lxii. 8.

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When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right in the fight of the Lord, he shall save his soul alive. Ezek. xviii. 27.

As I live, faith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? Ezek. xxxiii. 11.

The Exhortation.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but had rather that he would turn from his wickedness and live; and hath declared and promised to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins; he pardoneth and absolveth all such as truly repent, and unseignedly

feignedly obey the precepts of his holy gospel; wherefore let us beseech him to accept our sincere repentance, and to grant us the grace of his holy spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our lives hereaster may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to that eternal joy which is prepared for the faithful followers of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be read by the Minister the General Confession, all kneeling.

The General Confession.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, and Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed,

deed, against thy divine and holy law, thereby deserving thy just displeasure. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily forry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of which is grievous unto us; have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereaster serve and please thee, in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy holy name. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee, increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore, that by the aid of thy holy spirit, we may be enabled to subdue all our evil and corrupt affections, and to proceed in all virtue and godliness, until we come to that everlasting kingdom, which thou hast promised to the faithful followers of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

There, all standing up, the Minister shall read the following Psalm.

Pfalm XCV. 1-7.

O COME, let us fing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

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For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also.

The fea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

People.

Bless the Lord, O our souls, and let all that is within us bless his holy name.

¶ Then shall be recited by the Minister and People alternately the following Anthem, taken out of the Holy Scriptures.

An Anthem on the Works of Creation and Providence.

Minister.

GIVE unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Pfal. xxix. 2.

People.

People.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness. Psal. cxlv. 3.

Minister.

O let your fongs be of him, and praise him, and let your talking be of all his wondrous works. Pfal. cv. 2.

People.

The merciful and gracious Lord bath so done bis marvellous works, that they ought to be bad in remembrance. Pfal. cxi. 4.

Minister.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to fing praises to thy name, O thou Most High. Psal. exii. 1.

People.

For thou, Lord, hast made us glad through thy works: we will rejoice in the works of thy bands. Ver. 4.

Minister.

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The heavens declare the glory of the Lord, and the firmament sheweth his mighty works. Pfal. xix. 1.

People.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. Psal. xxxiii. 6.

Minister.

He hath made the earth by his power; he hath established the world by his wisdom; he hath stretched out the heavens by his understanding. Fer. li. 15.

People.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they who dwell therein. Pfal. xxiv. 1.

Minister.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. Pfal. lxxiv. 18.

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The day is thine, and the night is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun. Ver. 17.

Minister.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessess it: thou makest it very plenteous. Pf. lxv. 9.

People.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy clouds drop fainess. Ver. 12.

Minister.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches. Pfal. civ. 24.

People.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord, and thy people give thanks unto thee. Psal. cxlv. 10.

Minister.

Thou, Lord, hast made all things, and thou preservest them all. Neb. ix. 6.

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Thou hast given us life and favour, and thy visitation preserveth our spirit. Job. x. 12.

Minister.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits; even the God of our falvation. *Pfal*, lxviii. 19.

People.

Bless the Lord all his works, in all places of his dominion: Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Psal. ciii. 22.

Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken from the Holy Scriptures; after which the Service to proceed with the following Thanksgiving.

Minister.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endureth for ever.

People.

Blessed be the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endureth for ever.

The General Thanksgiving.

O LORD our heavenly Father, almighty and ever gracious God, we thy fervants earnestly defire thy fatherly goodness to accept the facrifice of thankfgiving for all thy mercies bestowed upon us. Thou hast given us life and being, and thy vifitation preserveth our spirits. Thou openest thine hand, and giveft that which is needful for our fupport. More especially would we bless thy holy name, that thou hast called us to partake of the benefits of thy gospel. We bless thee for fending thy well beloved Son Jesus Christ into the world to fave finners; for raifing him from the dead, and exalting him unto thy right hand in heaven; for the gifts and graces of thy holy spirit; and for the hope of everlasting life. Assist us, O Lord, at this time to offer a living facrifice, holy and acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service. Grant 0 2 that

that we may so partake of thy heavenly grace, that we may be true and faithful members of the Church of Christ, which is the blessed company of all faithful people, and continuing in that holy fellowship, may we do all such good works as thou hast appointed, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Minister.

Glory be unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wife God.

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Min. Let us pray.

For Religious Improvement.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; and grant unto all that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things which are contrary to their profession, and sollow all such things as are agreeable to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Christian Faith.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast called us with an high and holy calling, grant us through thy grace so to believe in thy son Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life, that we may be established in the saith of his holy gospel; in every time of dissiculty and temptation, may we stedfastly look up to heaven, and, by saith, behold the glory that shall be revealed; and having sollowed the example of our Saviour's humility, patience, and obedience, may we at length become partakers of his resurrection; and be made like unto him, in thy glorious and everlasting kingdom. Amen.

For Peace.

OGOD, from whom all holy defires, all good counfels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy fervants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts

hearts may be fet to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through thy merciful aid in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Protection.

OGOD, the Protector of all who trust in thee, with whom there is no shadow of darkness; defend us, we beseech thee, from all the dangers and evil accidents of the approaching night, and keep us by thy watchful providence in peace and safety, now and for ever. Amen.

The General Intercession.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make supplications, and to give thanks for all men; we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers which

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we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to make thy ways known on earth. and thy faving health unto all nations. Inspire continually all thy fincere worshippers with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, that all those who do confess the name of Christ, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. We befeech thee fo to dispose and turn the hearts of Kings, Princes, and Governors, that they may walk in thy holy fear, and fludy to preserve the people committed to their charge, in peace and godliness. Bless thy servant George our King, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family, that, protected by thy power, and guided by thy holy Spirit, they may lead godly lives on earth, and after death obtain everlasting glory. Grant unto the King's Council, and to all who are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and the maintenance of thy true religion

religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all the Ministers of thy gospel, that they may both by their life and doctrine fet forth thy true and holy word, and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and grant that this congregation here present, with meek heart and due reverence may hear and receive thy holy word, and truly serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly befeech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are introuble, forrow, need, fickness, or any other adversity, and grant to those who are in error, the light of thy truth, that they may return into the way of righteoufness. Preferve all those who profess Christ's holy religion in thy faith and fear, giving us grace fo to follow the precepts of thy holy gospel, that we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. In these our requests, we befeech thee, O God, to hear and ac-

cept us as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Parliament; to be read during the Seffion.

MOST gracious God, we humbly befeech thee to bestow thy blessing upon the High Court of Parliament at this time assembled; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, and the safety, honour, and welfare of this kingdom, that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest soundation, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and liberty, may flourish among us to all generations. Amen.

¶ Here a Prayer on any particular Occasion may be read.

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ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who humbly ask in thy Son's name, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers and supplications we have at this time offered unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked according to thy will, with whatever else thou seest expedient for us, may effectually be obtained to the relief of our necessity, according to thy goodness and mercy, declared unto mankind by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A Prayer to be used at the Commencement of the Year.

O GOD our heavenly Father, who hast given us life and being, and on whom we depend for our support and preservation, who by thy kind providence hast brought us to meet together at the beginning of another year, accept, we beseech thee, our united thanksgivings for all thy mercies extended towards us through the years of our past lives; and grant, O Lord, to us thy servants, the continued protection of thy providence, and the assistance of thy grace throughout the future days which may be allotted us on earth.

To thee, O God, would we commit ourfelves, our families and friends, befeeching thy

thy bleffing on all our concerns, both fpiritual and temporal. Prepare us, O Lord, for every change or trial through which thou mayest see fit to lead us, and especially for our great and final change, if that be appointed this year to any of us; and as each fucceeding year brings us nearer to that awful period, teach us, O Lord, fo to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom while we remain here, so that at length we may attain the end of our faith and hope, even the everlasting falvation of our fouls, and an admittance into those bleffed mansions which thou hast prepared, according to thy goodness and mercy, declared unto mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer adapted to the Spring Season.

O LORD, the Creator and Preserver of all things, who, with unerring wisdom, maintainest the beauty and order of thy works;

we look up with joy and confidence unto thy gracious power, which causes the returning feafons to know their place; thou hast fent forth thy spirit, thou hast renewed the face of the earth. Bless, we beseech thee, the springing of the year, and enrich the earth with the rain of heaven; may grass grow for the cattle, and herbs and fruits for the fervice of man; may our pastures be cloathed with flocks; our vallies covered with corn, and the year crowned with thy goodness; and may we fo improve the various bleffings of thy providence in this world, as to be prepared for the unchangeable felicities of thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

A Prayer to be used during the Season of Harvest.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, in whose power alone it is to give fruitful seasons, and to fill our hearts with food and gladness; we lift up our eyes

eyes unto thee, from whom our hope cometh, befeeching thee to preferve unto us the appointed weeks of harvest, and to give us seasonable weather for ripening and gathering in the fruits of the earth, that in due time we may enjoy them. Suffer not the hopes of the husbandman to fail; may the poor be satisfied with bread; continue to bless us with the bounties of thy providence; and may we evermore live to thy praise in a wise, grateful, and temperate enjoyment of thy mercies, who art the only giver of all good. Amen.

For seasonable Weather.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the earth is fruitful and bringeth forth its increase for our sustenance and comfort; we humbly beseech thee to send us in this our necessity such seasonable weather, that we may receive the fruits thereof in due time; and grant that we may

may shew forth our thankfulness to thee for all thy mercies, by a sincere obedience to thy holy laws, which thou hast taught us by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer to be used in time of War.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art the fupreme Governor of all things, to whom it justly belongeth to punish finful nations, and to be merciful to those who repent; we humbly befeech thee, in all time of our danger, to be the defender of our country: give us not up into the hands of our enemies; fave us from the edge of the fword, and preferve our land from the defolations of war; confirm and continue to us the enjoyment of our civil and religious liberties, and may we yet live fecure under that government which thy providence hath fet over us. We do with all humility acknowledge ourselves unworthy of these P 2 peculiar

o God, have mercy upon us; fend forth a fpirit of reformation amongst us, avert the evils we have deserved, continue thy favour and protection to us, save and deliver us, o our God, for in thee do we put our trust: restore tranquility and peace to contending nations, unite the hearts of mankind in the bonds of humanity and love, and may the happy time come, when the calamities of war shall cease for ever, and peace and righteousness universally prevail. And this we humbly beg, for thy mercy's sake, declared unto mankind by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for a sick Person.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive; we beseech thee in behalf of thy servant labouring under

under bodily indisposition (for whom our prayers are desired). Grant, O Lord, that he may take this thy visitation patiently; give bim comfort and fure confidence in thee, support bim under all the trials of this present fickness, that he may be fitted for whatever in thy wife and righteous providence thou hast appointed for bim; fanctify, we befeech thee, this thy fatherly visitation to bim, that if it be thy good pleasure to restore bim to bis former health, be may lead the residue of bis life here in thy fear, and to thy glory; and whenever thou shalt see fit to remove bim hence, be may be prepared to dwell with thee in life everlasting, according to thy gracious promises by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for a fick Person, when there appeareth small Hope of Recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, we flee unto thee for fuccour in behalf of thy

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fervant lying under thy hand in great weakness of body; look graciously upon bim, O Lord, and the more the outward frame decayeth, strengthen bim, we beseech thee, fo much the more continually with thy grace and holy spirit; give bim unfeigned repentance for all the errors of his life past, and a firm reliance on thy great mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord, that bis fins may be done away by thy mercy, and his pardon fealed in heaven, before he go hence, and be no more feen. We know, O Lord, that there is no work impossible with thee, and that if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raife bim up, and grant bim a longer continuance amongst us. Yet forasmuch as in all appearance the time of bis diffolution draweth near, so fit and prepare bim, we befeech thee, against the hour of death, that after bis departure hence in peace, and in thy favour, be may in thy appointed time be received into thine everlasting kingdom. And teach us in this and other like instances of mortality,

tality, to fee how frail and uncertain our own condition is, and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, according to thy gracious promises by Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for a fick Child.

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ALMIGHTY and merciful God, the great Father and Preferver of life, in a faithful dependance on thy goodness, wisdom and power, we now lift up our hearts unto thee, humbly praying, if it seemeth good in thy sight, that thou wilt spare the life of this child, for whom our prayers are desired, and prolong it to years of understanding and usefulness. Under thy direction and blessing, may all those means be pursued, which are most proper to recover bis health, and to restore bim to bis family

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and friends. But if the unerring wisdom of thy providence should determine otherwise concerning bim, enable all connected with bim to submit with perfect resignation to thy heavenly will. O Lord, who knowest our frame, incline thy merciful ear unto our prayer, and sulfil these our requests which we present unto thee, in all humility, as the disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ALMIGHTY and ever bleffed God, who mercifully supplies the wants of thy creatures, and art continually giving testimonies of thy gracious Providence, we rejoice at this time with humble thankfulness in the gists of thy bounty, that thou hast caused the earth to yield its increase, and crowned the year with thy goodness: whilst thou art thus sending down thy blessings upon us, may we be disposed to live in a sober, temperate, and charitable enjoyment of them, and to bring forth the fruit of holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Amen.

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For the Restoration of Peace.

EVER gracious God, the Father of all mankind, and the Governor of all the nations of the earth, we give thee our unfeigned thanks that it has pleafed thee to put a stop to the dreadful calamities of war, and to unite the contending nations in the bonds of peace; we thank thee that we have been delivered from the dangers to. which we were exposed, that the public liberties of our country are preserved, and that we are still in possession of many valuable privileges and bleffings: continue to give peace in our time, O Lord; may the violent passions of wicked men be restrained, may the unjust defigns of tyrants be disappointed, and may the happy time come, when the nations shall learn war no more, and all mankind shall be united in peace and love, and in the holy worship of thee, the only true God, as the common disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For National Bleffings.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, thou reignest supreme in all nations of the earth, and governest the several states and kingdoms of it by thy providence. We acknowledge with gratitude the many instances of thy gracious care and goodness to this nation. We praise thee for the prefervation of our religion, laws and liberties, when in danger from the fecret conspiracies or open attempts of our enemies. Give us, we befeech thee, such a deep and lively fense of the great things thou hast done for us, that we may never grow fecure and careless, but be the more watchful and zealous for the invaluable bleffings bestowed on these kingdoms; and may we, by a religious improvement of them, obtain the continuance of thy protection. May our civil and religious liberties, in their just extent, be handed down inviolate to the latest posterity. Let piety and devotion, brotherly kindness and charity,

charity, and all other Christian virtues, so flourish amongst us, that they may be, under the direction of thy providence, the stability of this nation. Amen.

For Preservation in Child-bearing.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of all mercies, the God of all confolation; we present before thee our unseigned thanks, for thy great mercy vouchsafed to thy servant here in thy presence, whom thou hast delivered from the pains and dangers of child-bearing (and made the living mother of a living and perfect child). May a grateful remembrance of thy goodness be ever impressed upon her heart, and may that life which thou hast spared, (and that infant life which thou hast given,) be devoted to thy obedience and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For Recovery from Sickness.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who redeemest the lives of thy servants from destruction, and givest health, and life, and blessing; accept the sincere and humble thanksgivings of thy servant, whom thou hast raised from a bed of sickness, and restored to some good measure of health and strength: we praise thee for this gracious instance of thy goodness; may the remembrance of thy late mercy to him, have a happy and lasting influence upon his mind, and may that life, which thy mercy prolongs, be devoted to thy service, in a constant obedience to thy holy commandments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Recovery of a fick Child.

ALMIGHTY and most gracious God, thou art the length of our days, and the constant support of our being. We rejoice in the goodness of thy providence, and

and bless thy holy name for redeeming the life of thy servant's child from sickness and distress. In submission to thy will, we humbly pray that it may please thee to prolong it to years of reason and understanding, that it may be employed in thy service, and be an instrument of much usefulness in the world, to the glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Though the foregoing Occasional Forms are calculated for a considerable variety of circumstances; yet the Minister is at liberty to introduce such petitions of his own, as he may more perfectly adapt to the circumstances of the time, and his Congregation; and this he may do either by introducing them in some proper part of the Service, or in his Prayer after Sermon, in which the Society hopes to enjoy the peculiar advantages of free Prayer, as distinguished from the advantages of a pre-composed Form.

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The Bread and Wine being put on the Table, the Minister may begin the Service with the following Address to the Communicants:

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WE are affembled at this time, to commemorate the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ: to declare our obligation and desire to improve in all goodness as becomes his disciples, to acknowledge ourselves members of his body, and our duty as such, to live with each other in mutual love, and in the continual exercise of christian charity. Be ye therefore now exhorted conscientiously, and in the sear of God, to sulfil this part of your duty; shewing hereby your obedience to the great

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law-giver of the Christian Church, and improving yourselves by this religious memorial of him, in a steady submission to all those divine and moral laws, which he lived and died to establish, as the soundation of everlasting happiness. To the right observance of this christian ordinance, may God incline your hearts; and in the use of it, may you be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of God.

. The Minister may then take the Bread, and fay,

The Lord Jesus, as he was eating with his disciples, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks.

Let us in like manner express our religious gratitude.

ALMIGHTY God, the eternal fountain of life, and the father of all mercies, we thine unworthy fervants come before thee, in humble acknowledgment of thine eter-

nal power, and in the exercise of that unfeigned joy, with which thy righteous and universal government inspires us; thy kingdom ruleth over all, and thy goodness knows no bounds. We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the condescension and goodness we experience every day and hour of our lives. Thou forgivest our iniquities, and healest our diseases; thou redeemest our lives from destruction, and crownest us with loving kindness and tender mercies. We adore thee, more especially, as the God and Father of our Lord Jefus Christ, by whom we have access, by faith, into this grace, wherein we stand, rejoicing in the hope of pardon, and of eternal glory. We embrace, with pleafure, every opportunity of acknowledging our relation to him, our fubmission to his authority, and our delight in the prospect of being made partakers with him hereafter, in the honours and happiness of the heavenly kingdom. Grant, O Lord, we befeech thee, that we may partake worthily

thily of this bread, the memorial of his body; dispose us to feel in the most lively manner the impressions of that innocence and love, which led him like a lamb to the flaughter, in fulfilling the work of our redemption; and graciously enable us at all times to express our regard to his memory, by keeping his commandments. Like him, help us to overcome the world; to preserve, under every temptation, the integrity of our hearts, and the purity of our manners; to follow the things which make for peace; and to fubmit with refignation and chearfulness to thy sovereign will in all things. We humbly ask these things as the disciples of thy Son; fulfil our defires, O thou who livest and reignest for ever. Amen.

Then the Minister may Say,

Jesus, when he had blessed God, brake the bread.

While the Minister is breaking the Bread, he may read the following Sentences:

God fent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be faved. John iii. 17.

We know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich. 2 Cor. viii. 9.

He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. He was oppressed, he was afflicted; he was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep in the hands of the shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. If. liii. 3. 7.

He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus ii. 14.

The Minister may then say,

Jesus took bread, and blessed God; brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.

Then the Minister, first taking of the Bread himself, shall give it to the People, saying,

This bread is the memorial of the body of Christ, who was put to death upon the cross; take and eat of it in remembrance of him.

When the Congregation has received the Bread, the Minister may pour out the Wine, saying,

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The Lord Jesus, when they had supped, took the cup, and gave thanks: let us unite in offering up our sincere and humble thanksgivings to God.

WE adore thy goodness, Father of mercies, and God of all grace, that thou hast promifed forgiveness upon sincere repentance and reformation. We praise thee, that our holy religion is fo well adapted to regulate our affections, to direct our worship, to extend our hopes, and that all its doctrines are confirmed unto us by the death of Jesus; grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that while we partake of this cup, the memorial of his blood, we may recollect the generous instances of his benevolence, with becoming thankfulness; fix in our minds a growing detestation of that evil, from which he came to deliver us; and make it our continual endeavour to improve in those excellent dispositions he has recommended to us; that when he shall come again to judge the world in rightcoufness, we may be numbered amongst thy good and faithful fervants, and enter into the joy of our Lord;

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in his name, with all humility and gratitude, we present these our prayers and thanks to thee, the God and Father of all; to whom be glory in the churches, by Jesus Christ, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Minister may then fay,

The Lord Jesus, when they had supped, took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Drink ye all of it, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

¶ Then the Minister, first drinking of the Cup himself, shall deliver it to the People, saying,

This wine is the memorial of the blood of Christ, who was put to death upon the cross; take and drink of it in remembrance of him.

When all have received the Bread and Wine, the Minister may deliver a suitable Exhortation; then let a Hymn be sung, and the Minister conclude with the following Prayers.

OGOD, the Father of lights, and the author of all good, by thy gracious providence we have been called to the knowledge and profession of the Christian Faith. We render unto thee our humble and hearty thanks for all the advantages we enjoy by thy great mercy. Accept, we befeech thee, the fervices we have now performed, in obedience to the authority of thy beloved Son, and in remembrance of him; may his memory be ever bleffed among us, and the fame mind be in us, which was also in him; that being now heirs, through hope, of the everlasting kingdom, we may at length be made partakers with him of a bleffed immortality. Amen.

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ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who wouldest have all men to be faved, and come to the knowledge of thy truth, regard in mercy, we befeech thee, those parts of the earth where the gospel is not known, and by bringing them to the knowledge of true religion, make them capable of higher degrees of virtue and happiness. More especially as members of the Church of Christ, sounded in charity and love, we pray for the whole christian world, that all who profess the faith of the gospel, may hold it in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and holiness of life. Grant that the spirit and temper of Christ and his religion may overcome all discord, strife, and perfecution; that there may be no longer any schifm in his Church, and that all his difcifples and followers, however divided in opinion, may be united in love. We entreat thee, more particularly, to affift us to govern our hearts agreeably to the fentiments of benevolence we now express before ALMINISTR

fore thee, that, together with all our fellow Christians, we may continually become here on earth more worthy of the glorious society in heaven, where charity never faileth.

Accept us, O Father of all mercies, in these our supplications, which we present unto thee in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom we rejoice, as the head of all things to the Church, and in whose words we conclude our devotions to thee.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Heb. xiii, 20, 21.

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlassing covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to him be glory for ever. Amen.

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¶ The Minister may begin the Service with the following Observations, relating to the appointment, nature, and use of Baptism.

OUR bleffed Saviour, the Lord Jefus Christ, having himself published his religion, for the salvation of the world, to the Jewish nation, commissioned his apostles to complete the work he had begun, by preaching his gospel to all nations, commanding them to make disciples, by baptising and instructing them in his doctrines and laws.

All power, faith he, is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach or disciple all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe

observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

By this direction of our Saviour, all perfons, are to be acknowledged as members of his Church by Baptism, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and dedicated to the divine service, in that religion which came from God the Father, was published to the world by the Son, and confirmed by the operations of the Holy Spirit.

The end and design of Infant Baptism, by which Rite parents solemnly dedicate their offspring to the service of God, and of Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, is to impress on the minds of parents a sense of their duty towards them, in their innocent and helpless age; and to engage them to train up their children in the sear of God, and in the knowledge of his holy will, revealed to mankind by Jesus Christ.

Then the Minister, addressing himself to the Parents, shall say,

Under the profession of the Christian Faith, you present this your child to be baptised; do you therefore now promise, that as soon as be becomes capable of learning, you will instruct bim in the Christian Religion, according to the best understanding and abilities you are endued with?

Ans. This we now promise, and by the belp of God will endeavour to perform.

The Minister shall then take the Child, and baptife it, saying,

I baptise thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast graciously called us to the knowledge of thy truth

and faith in thee; continue, we entreat thee, this bleffing to the offspring of thy fervants, that they may know the God of their Fathers, and walk before him acceptably. Bless, we befeech thee, this child, who is now dedicated to thee and thy fervice. Preserve, if it please thee, that life which thou hast given, and extend thy care through every period of it. Prosper every endeavour to form good habits in bis tender mind. Incline and enable thy fervants, entrusted with the care of this child, to perform their duty faithfully; give them wisdom to be bis defence against the many temptations incident to childhood and youth, and as be grows up in life, graciously assist them to improve bis understanding, and to open bis heart to the impressions of religion and virtue. Grant, O Lord, we befeech thee, that no good instruction may be lost upon bim through inattention or depravity of heart. In all things graciously affift bim to adorn that doctrine which is according to godliness, and

and to maintain such a conduct through life, as may lay a foundation for the hope of an happy immortality, through thy great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Exhortation.

HAVING solemnly engaged to educate this your child in the principles of religion and virtue, I seriously and earnestly exhort you to remember, that the wisdom of providence hath made the happiness or misery of this infant to depend, in a great measure, upon the manner in which you shall discharge

charge this most important duty. Train bim up, therefore, in the way be should go, and when be is old be will not depart from it.

And, in the first place, lay the foundation of bis future happiness in the love and fear of God, which is the beginning of wisdom. Instruct bim early in the knowledge of the Christian Religion, as revealed in the facred Scriptures, which contain the words of eternal life. Attend, with the utmost diligence and care, to the various workings and propenfities of bis tender mind; cherish in it the seeds of humility, kindness, and generosity; labour to fubdue all pride, malice, and envy; teach bim betimes to govern bis appetites and passions, by shewing bim the bad consequences which must follow from the indulgence of them, and guard bim against the commission of what is wrong, by leading bim to love and effeem what is right; let your advice, reproof, and even your correction, be administered with the tenderness

tenderness and affection of a parent; and beware lest you weaken your authority by an injudicious and passionate manner of enforcing it. Take heed that your instructions receive life and efficacy from your example; for in vain will any endeavour to instill those principles into their child, which appear to have no influence upon their own behaviour.

If you discharge the important trust committed to you by Providence, with sidelity and diligence, you will be supported and encouraged in your labour of love by some of the noblest motives and considerations which can affect the human heart; you will experience that refined gratistication which slows from the rational indulgence of parental affection, when it is employed in training up your offspring to knowledge, virtue, and happiness. And while you are secure of the solid and lasting pleasure which is derived from the consciousness of having acted well, you may reasonably hope to enjoy the fruit of

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your tenderness and care, from bis gradual improvement in every amiable quality and virtuous disposition. And, finally, when God the Father of all shall judge the secrets of mens hearts by Jesus Christ, and render unto every one according to his works, then shall your virtuous services be acknowledged and rewarded by him, in whose presence is sulness of joy, and at whose right hand are pleasures for evermore.

To the due discharge of this duty, may God incline your hearts, and in the performance of it direct and bless you, for the improvement and happiness of the child, the credit of religion, and to his glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOW unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, for ever. Amen.

SERVICE

On Occasion of a Funeral.

The Service to be introduced by the following Sentences; the People standing.

WHAT man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Who shall deliver his soul from the grave?

As for man, his days are as grass; as the flower of the field so he flourisheth, for the wind passeth over it and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

We must all appear before the judgmentfeat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to R 2 that

that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

The Introductory Prayer; the People kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and ever bleffed Lord our God, we adore thee as the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only living and true God, yet great as thou art, infinitely exalted above all adoration of the highest orders of thy creatures, thou art pleased to extend thy goodness to the lowest of them; and with respect to us, thine offspring of the human race, thou haft graciously condescended to reveal thyself, as a God hearing prayer. We adore thee as the maker and supreme disposer of all things; believing that nothing can come to pass throughout the whole extent of thy works, but under thy appointment or permission. May the stedfast persuasion of thine infinite wifdom and goodness dispose us to place an intire confidence in thee, at all times, and

and under all circumstances; to submit ourselves to thine holy will, and to acquiesce in all the dispensations of thy providence.

Affift us, O God, to improve this opportunity of waiting on thee; may we derive comfort and instruction from thy holy word; may its facred promises strengthen the weak, console the afflicted, and direct our views beyond this transitory state, to that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Hear us, and accept us as the disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ, through whom we ascribe unto thee, his Father and our Father, his God and our God, everlasting praises.

People.

Graciously hear us, O God, our heavenly Father.

Then let the Minister and People, standing, alternately recite the following Anthem.

Minister.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place from one generation to another.

People.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth, from ever-lasting to everlasting thou art God.

Minister.

Thou turnest men to destruction; and again thou sayest, Return ye children of men.

People.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, and as a watch in the night.

Minister.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood, they are as asleep: In the morning they are

are like grass that groweth up, in the morning it flourisheth and groweth up, in the evening it is cut down and withereth.

People.

So teach us, O Lord, to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Minister.

Our years pass away, our purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of our hearts.

People.

We are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are as a shadow.

Minister.

Alhough affliction cometh not forth out of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground, yet is man born to trouble, as the sparks fly upwards.

People.

His days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.

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Minister.

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But thou wilt not leave our fouls in the grave, neither wilt thou suffer death to retain dominion over us.

People.

He that is our God is the God of Salvation; and unto the Lord belong the issues from death.

Minister.

The Lord is my rock and my falvation, my strength, and the lifter up of my head; though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.

People.

We have trusted in thy mercy; our heart shall conside in the hope of thy salvation.

Minister.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, yet will I fear no evil; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

People.

People.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

¶ Then shall be read the First Lesson; after which the Service to proceed as follows:

The General Thanksgiving; the People standing.

ALMIGHTY and most gracious God, the Father of mercies and the God of all grace, as thy power at first brought us into existence, so thy providential goodness preferves, supports, and constantly provides for our well being. In thy hand our breath is, and thine are all our ways. Thou art the God that hast fed us all our life unto this day, and redeemed us from evil.

Bleffed be the Lord, the God of our falvation, who daily loadeth us with his temporal benefits; but especially bleffed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ, who has, through him, bestowed upon us all spiritual bleffings. We rejoice in that covenant of mercy which thou haft established, and that thou art, through him, reconciling a finful world unto thyfelf. We thank thee for all the advantages we enjoy from the Christian Revelation, we bless thee for the divine light it affords, for the perfect rules of life it contains, for the encouragements it yields to repentance, for the promises of divine assistance in our various duties, and of divine support and consolation under all our trials and afflictions. We thank thee for the example which our Saviour hath left us, that we should follow his steps, who did no fin, but was holy, harmless, and separate from finners. We praife thee for having appointed him to taste death for every man. We rejoice that Christ is risen from the dead, and is become the first fruits of them that flept, that as in Adam all died, fo in Chrift all might be made alive. We bless thee that he is ascended to his Father and

our Father, to his God and our God; that as our forerunner he is entered into heaven to prepare a place in his Father's house for his true disciples. With this animating prospect may we continue unmoved through all the changing scenes of life, in the most trying circumstances may we retain our considence in thy mercy, and in that solemn hour, when our connection with this world is to be dissolved, when things temporal must give place to things eternal, may we depart in peace, to receive the great end of our faith and hope, our final and complete salvation.

People.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for all our present comforts, and the hope of a glorious immortality.

Then shall be read the Second Lesson, after which a Psalm or Hymn may be sung, and then the Service to proceed as follow:

Minister.

As by one man fin entered into the world, and death by fin, so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned; let us therefore, as becomes sinful and mortal creatures, humble ourselves before Almighty God, and with penitent hearts confess our manifold offences.

The General Confession; the People kneeling.

MOST holy and most merciful God, when we consider thy boundless mercies unto us, and our great unworthiness, it becomes us to humble ourselves, under a deep sense of our ingratitude: We have sinned, O Father of Heaven, in thy sight, and are no more worthy to be called thy children,

children, we have acted contrary to our most folemn resolutions, we have been too regardless of thy promises and threatenings, thy mercies and fatherly chaftifements. Amidst the frequent instances of mortality around us, and the many affecting proofs of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, how thoughtless and unconcerned have we been, and how little have our minds been impressed with future and eternal things; the God, in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, we have not duly glorified; it is of thy mercies that we are not confumed, because thy compassions never fail; our only hope is in that mercy, which is revealed to us by Jesus Christ; in his name we beseech thee to forgive our many and great offences. Blot out our transgressions, O God. free us from the fins we have committed, and deliver us from the punishment we have deserved. Lift up the light of thy reconciled countenance upon us, and revive us with the joy of thy falvation.

People.

People.

O Lord, mercifully accept our humble confessions; receive us graciously and love us freely, for thy mercies sake.

¶ Then let the Minister read the following Petitions, the People still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and ever bleffed God, may our minds be so deeply impressed with a becoming and awful sense of thy glorious nature and perfections, that we may be constantly inspired with earnest desires of imitating thee in all those instances which are possible to us. May we cultivate that sear of God which is the beginning of wisdom and the sountain of life; and may we set the Lord always before us, that we may act as under his immediate inspection, and approve our hearts before him by well doing. Amen.

O THOU God of love, the common Father of all mankind, enable us to put on that

that charity towards our fellow-creatures, which is the bond of perfectness. Teach us to love our neighbour as ourselves, with that love which is the fulfilling of the christian law, that hereby we may prove ourselves to be the true disciples of Christ. Preserve us, O Lord, from malice and envy, from covetoufness and pride; pluck up these roots of bitterness from our minds, and implant in them the principles of every christian grace and virtue. May we imbibe and cherish the true spirit of the gospel in our hearts, and uniformly exert it in our outward conduct. May the example of our great Master, ever placed before our eyes, direct our steps in every station of life, and in every instance of duty. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who art the great disposer of all events, give us a due sense of our dependance upon thee. In whatever state we are, teach us to be therewith content.

content. If thou crown us with profperity, enable us to be wife and faithful
flewards of the bounties of thy providence;
and if affliction be our lot, still may we
be confirmed in the belief of thy goodness,
by reflecting, that thou dost mercifully
withhold from us many evils which our
fins deserve, and that from thee we still
receive many unmerited blessings. Sanctify
to us, O God, all thy dispensations, and
give us grace to improve them to the best
of purposes. Amen.

MAY the frequent instances of mortality which pass before our eyes, effectually impress upon our minds a sense of our own frailty, and of the uncertainty of our stay in this world; and frequently reslecting upon the awful solemnities of a suture judgment, and the importance of eternity, upon the brink of which we are standing; may we be diligent and serious in our preparation for them. Amidst the cares and pursuits

pursuits of this transitory life, may we always maintain a temper of mind fuited to our probationary state, and to an endless existence, beyond the grave. Help us to cultivate every pious disposition towards thee, our God, and every benevolent affection and principle towards our fellow creatures. May we be diligent and watchful in guarding against temptation, and zealous and active in the performance of our duty. Thus may we be found prepared for our last fummons, and be then able to give up our account with joy. And in the great decifive day, when a separation shall be made between the righteous and the wicked, may we stand approved before our Judge, and be found duly qualified for the divine employment and the exalted pleafures of the heavenly state, all which we humbly ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Chrift. Amen.

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The General Intercession.

O THOU, who haft made of one blood all the nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, blefs, we befeech thee, the whole human race. May the glorious light of the gospel spread through all the earth, so that all thy rational offspring may come to the knowledge of thee, the only living and true God, by Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. And may that grace of God which bringeth salvation, effectually appear unto all, teaching them to deny ungodliness and worldly lust, and to live soberly, righteously, and piously in the present world.

Reform the diforders arising from the evil passions of men, and may all nations experience the permanent blessings of peace and good government.

We pray for the peace and prosperity of our native country. Preserve us, we beseech

befeech thee, from those national judgments and calamities which our fins have deserved, and be merciful unto us, and teach us all to live as becometh the gospel of Christ. Continue to us the fruits of the earth in their season, so that the poor may be fatisfied with bread, and may we all receive the blessings of thy providence with grateful hearts, and use them with temperance, moderation, and charity.

We recommend to the care of thy providence thy fervant George our King, befeeching thee to affift him in the discharge of the important duties to which he is called. May he be blessed of thee in his government, in his person, and in his family; and after a life of extensive usefulness here, do thou, O Lord, receive him into thine heavenly kingdom.

Bless and direct, we entreat thee, all those who are set in authority over us, and may they rule in thy fear, as knowing they must give an account.

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May the ministers of thy gospel prove the blessed instruments in thy hands of promoting the knowledge and practice of Christianity, and may they be examples to their people in faith and purity.

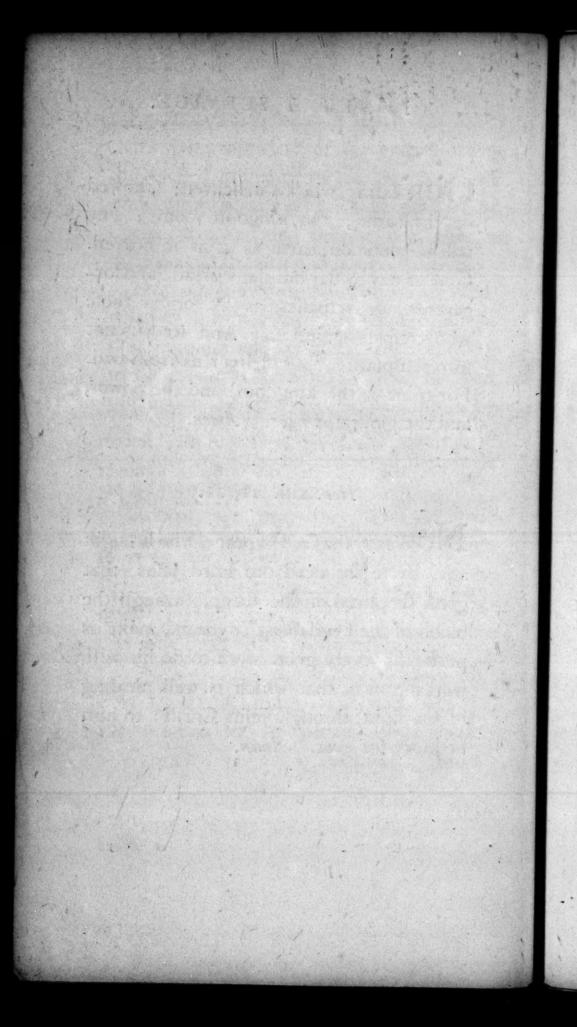
Hear our prayers for all who are afflicted, whether in mind, body, or estate, and do thou comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities. May the best instructions be conveyed to their minds by the visitations of thy providence, that so they may be sitted for unmixed happiness in a future state.

Accept, we pray thee, O God, our prayers for ourselves and others, which we offer up in the name, and as the disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, through whom we have access unto thee, and in whose words we farther call upon thee;

OUR Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to him be glory for ever. Amen.



¶ The Minister, meeting the Corpse at the entrance of the Burial Ground, shall say,

I AM the refurrection and the life, faith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall not die eternally. John xi. 25, 26.

All flesh is as grass, and the glory of man as the flower of the grass; the grass withereth, and the flower thereof fadeth away, but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. 1 Pet. i. 24, 25.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; bleffed be the name of the Lord. Fob i. 21.

When they come to the Grave, the Minister shall fay,

MAN that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live: He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Father, deliver us not into the bitter pains of the second death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Father, thou supreme Judge of all, suffer us not at our last hour to fall from our faith and hope in thee.

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body, the Minister shall say,

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take from this world our brother here departed, we therefore commit bis body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope that there shall be a resurrection to eternal life of all those who die in the fear and love of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change their corruptible body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working of that power, whereby he is enabled to subdue all things unto himself, that all may confess that Christ Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

BLESSED are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours, and their works follow them. Rev. xiv. 13.

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Min. Let us pray.

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life: in whom who oever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us by his holy apostle Paul, not to be forry as men without hope, for those who sleep in him: We humbly befeech thee, O Father, to raife us from the death of fin unto the life of rightcousness; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, and that at the general refurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy fight, and receive that bleffing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all those who love and fear thee, faying, Come, ye bleffed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, O heavenly Father, of thine infinite mercy and goodness. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom those who depart hence in the Lord, shall live in everlasting joy and selicity; we bless thy holy name, for all thy servants departed this life, in thy saith and sear, beseeching thee to give us grace so to sollow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of that heavenly kingdom, which thou hast promised to the saithful and obedient, by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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